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Military uncovers plan to spring Oakwood mutineers

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CHAMPION for Peace commemorative gold coin (above) by GoldQuest International honors Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino. (Left) Roxas Blvd. flutters with the hero's likeness as the nation prepares for his death anniversary on Thursday.

Gold coin honors Ninoy on 20th death anniversary

IN TIME for the 20th anniversary of his martyrdom on Thursday, Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. will be honored with an international "Champion for Peace" commemorative gold coin.

In the Philippine Senate, the move to declare Aquino a national hero gained ground after Senate Bill No. 2356 was approved by the committee on constitutional amendments, revision of codes and laws.

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr., principal sponsor of the bill, said the measure will be calendared for plenary debate next week.

Aquino joins only five other international figures who have been previously

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Now, it's GMA vs GMA 7

RAMboys 'felt' they were used, but Magdalo boys 'knew' they were used

By Cynthia D. Balana

SPECIAL REPORT

POLITICS spelled the difference between the mutinies of the Magdalo group and the Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa, by the RAMboys' own reckoning.

RAM spokesperson Proceso Maligalig said that while both groups raised the same concerns (corruption, low pay of soldiers, etc.), the Magdalo group added political color—the demand for the resignation of President Macapagal-Arroyo, Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes and military intelligence chief Brig. Gen. Victor Corpus, and the allegation that the two men were involved in the Davao bombings.

Also, he noted, while most RAMboys were now feeling that they had been used by politicians, the members of the Magdalo group knew that politicians were using them.

Maligalig, a retired Navy captain, expressed shock over the use of younger officers as pawns in a coup, as he said happened on July 27 at the Oakwood Premier hotel in Makati. He said that in the RAM coup attempts, most of the leaders were colonels and even generals.

According to Col. Danny Lim, newly named chief of the Scout Rangers, captains and lieutenants are vulnerable to exploitation because they experience the hardships of their men in the battlefield.

"I was also a platoon commander and I know how hard it is to be fighting there, full of idealism. So as long as we have lieutenants and captains, there would always be grievances," Lim said.

But Maligalig said he was confident that Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan would no longer be able to count on

RAMBOYS/ A17

President meets with TV management to explain

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Tony Bergonia

A DISPLAY of the infamous presidential temper directed at a television reporter had the press crying "censorship" and "media harassment" against Malacañang yesterday.

Palace reporters were left wondering if the administration had resorted to "muzzling" the press and placing journalists under surveillance in the wake of the July 27 failed coup after President Macapagal-Arroyo angrily confonted GMA 7 television reporter Tina Panganiban-Perez late Friday.

Radio and television reported that an infuriated Ms Macapagal berated Panganiban-Perez, accusing her of "abetting rebellion" when she interviewed opposition Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan whom the government has accused of masterminding the foiled coup.

"We have assets who saw you with Honasan during the state of rebellion. That's abetting rebellion," the President told Panganiban-Perez at a dinner attended by some 100 people at the Microtel Inn and Suites in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro, on Friday.

Panganiban-Perez in an interview decried being berated "in public" and expressed "alarm" at the surveillance.

The President there and then reportedly directed her special projects chief

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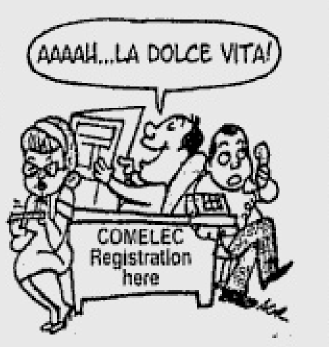

Absentee voters absent, but Pinoys still make $1,500

By Vic V. Vizcocho Jr.
Contributor

ROME, Italy—If you want to earn $1,500 a month (P82,000) doing practically nothing, serve in the ongoing registration of voters at the Philippine Embassy here.

Daily since Aug. 1, 12 contractual and 13 embassy personnel "deputized" by the Commission on Elections attend to an average of about 40 registrants, most of whom have other businesses with the embassy and register "by accident."

Seated behind tables lined up from the parkway up to the second floor of the embassy building, the registration staff whiles away the hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Quadruplets: From cage to classroom

By Ben Moses Ebreo
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

SOLANO, Nueva Vizcaya—Wearing smart new school uniforms and identification cards, the Cerezo quadruplets of Bagabag are out of their so-called cage and going to prep school here.

It's a dream come true for the 4-year-old Maryjoy (Tingting), Maryjane (Wengweng), Maryrose (Jingjing) and Marygrace (Kringkring) who had long been pleading with their mother, Elizabeth, to send them to school.

The quads, who live in Barangay Quirino in Bagabag, first came to national attention when the INQUIRER ran a story on them last year, and again in June in a photograph that showed the girls inside what looked like a wooden cage where their widowed mother would place them to keep them safe while she went about earning a living.

The four, who would look with envy as other children passed their wooden cage on their way to school everyday, are now happily enrolled at the Little Pillars Child Formation School (LPCFS) in Barangay Poblacion North here. They attend classes from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Teacher Fely Jane Morales said the school has sponsored their tuition amounting to P40,000 a year which covers textbooks, uniforms, notebooks, bags and their ID cards.

Morales, 24, said the quadruplets are very shy and look like they are not used to interacting

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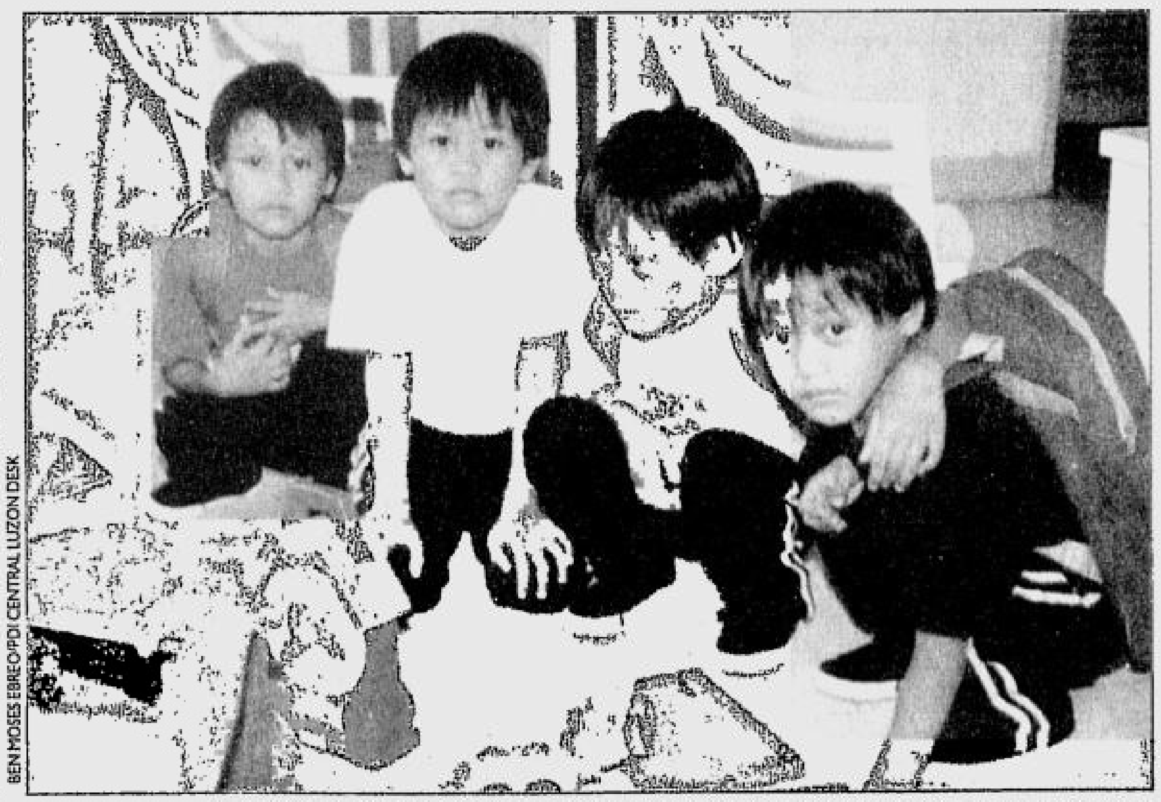

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THE LITTLE Pillars Child Formation school in Barangay Poblacion North Solano, Nueva Vizcaya, sponsors the schooling of the 4-year-old Cerezo quadruplets amounting to P40,000 per year.

US town to appeal to Bush not to deport Pinoys

SELAH, Washington—Supporters of a Filipino family said Friday they hoped to appeal to President George W. Bush to stop the family's impending deportation.

Mayor Bob Jones and State Rep. Mary Skinner said they hope to ask the President to intercede on behalf of Tomas, Judy and Jennylyn Aganda when he visits the state next week.

The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals last week denied changes in the family members' immigration status, clearing the way for them to be returned to the Philippines.

Tomas, 55; Judy, 48 and 15-year-old Jennylyn have until Monday to surrender their passports in Seattle and prove they have one-way tickets to the Philippines, Skinner said.

"We are hoping for a miracle," she said, noting the appeal to the President will be made on humanitarian reasons relating to Mrs. Aganda's brain cancer and the lack of medical coverage in the Philippines.

A last-minute appeal to allow Mrs. Aganda to remain in the country while she received cancer treatment was denied this week.

Jones had earlier expressed resignation that options were limited for preventing the deportations.

"My duty is to tell them we've pretty much exhausted all possibilities for stopping this," he said. "It's with a heavy heart I do that."

The Agandas, who've owned and operated the Selah Dry Cleaners & Laundry for about 13 years, came to the United States from the Philippines as visitors in 1990 and stayed.

Several attempts to change their immigration status have failed. They first claimed to be business investors and later sought political asylum because they feared the New People's Army.

Both requests were denied because the federal Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services—formerly the US Immigration and Naturalization Service—believed the family's intent always had been to stay in the United States.

Many in this Yakima bedroom

US TOWN/ A18

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Luzon and Visayas will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. Mindanao will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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Calapan	Cloudy With Rains	Davao	Partly Cloudy

GMA: Reforms begun before soldiers' mutiny

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo vowed yesterday to push through with more reforms for the military in the wake of the failed mutiny led by junior officers three weeks ago.

Denying the reforms were started as a result of the attempted coup, the President said they were begun even before the July 27 mutiny by rebel soldiers who accused her government and the defense establishment of corruption and engaging in terrorism.

Speaking in her weekly radio address, Ms Macapagal said, "The reforms we are undertaking in the armed forces are not a result of the failed mutiny. The government knows it must respond to the grievances of our soldiers but no matter what, (soldiers) cannot take the law into their own hands."

She cited her efforts to raise the salaries of soldiers and provide them with subsidized housing.

To curb alleged cases of higher officers skimming off military purchases, the President said she was transferring military appropriations away from the armed forces and to the budget department.

Earlier, she approved the release of P100 million to buy combat boots and other equipment for soldiers in the field, while ordering that decorated combat troops get first priority in receiving military benefits like housing and scholarships.

She also commended the military and police, remarking that only a small group of soldiers took part in the July 27 mutiny which the government said was a coup attempt to topple and possibly assassinate the President.

The arrested ringleaders of the July 27 mutiny have since declared that their armed takeover of the Oakwood Premier luxury apartment-hotel in Makati City was a protest action over alleged corruption and abuses by higher officers. *AFP*

Plot to free mutineers bared

By Fausto Tatad Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

SANGLEY POINT, Cavite—The military has uncovered a plot to spring detained rebel soldiers belonging to the Magdalo group from their detention cells inside Camp San Felipe and Sangley Point by other members of the rebel group.

Commodore Amado Sanglay also told the INQUIRER in a phone interview that a massive recruitment drive for another power grab against the government continues inside the two camps.

According to Sanglay, other members of the Magdalo rebel group are planning to stage an "under siege" operation to help their detained colleagues escape.

Navy officials, he said, have also discovered a plan by some military personnel to take sophisticated weapons used during the RP-US military Balikatan exercises out of the two camps in preparation for another coup.

Sanglay said detained members of the Magdalo group are disappointed over the way the Feliciano Commission and the Senate are handling the investigation of alleged rampant corruption in the military.

"This government has no square deal and due process will be denied us," Sanglay quoted the rebel soldiers as saying.

Sanglay earlier said that two armored vehicles and hundreds of rounds of ammunition and explosives enough to arm 300 men were reportedly discovered by officials inside Camp San Felipe, 900m from Sangley Point.

The mutineers were to use Sangley Point as a strategic point for their air strike to topple the government, he added.

Sanglay said the armored vehicles were in combat position when discovered near the camp gates.

The commodore also disclosed a plan by rebel soldiers to eliminate Interior and Local Government Secretary Joey Lina and National Security Adviser Roilo Golez for "spilling a litany of lies and fabricating charges against the Magdalo Group who took part in the failed July 27 Oakwood mutiny."

Not welcome

In Zamboanga City, Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Roy Kyamko yesterday virtually shut the door on those involved in the failed mutiny, saying they were no longer welcome in Mindanao.

"The different ground commanders expressed apprehension and they don't want them back," Kyamko said.

About 40 of the rebel soldiers involved in the military uprising came from Southcom.

Kyamko said ground commanders told him that taking back the mutineers could be dangerous. He did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, a militant fisherfolk group yesterday pressed for a more exhaustive Congressional inquiry into the alleged "Oplan Green Base."

Fernando Hicap, chair of the Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (Pamalakaya), said the inquiry should focus on the "operation plan" to determine its authenticity.

"If Oplan Green Base was a real story, and not fiction as Malacañang wants it to be, then somebody has to be accounted and held responsible for this heinous crime against the people."

Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV had testified that their discovery of the alleged Oplan Green Base documents was among the reasons that pushed them to stage a mutiny.

The documents detail an alleged plan by the government to mount bombings in Davao City and blame these on the secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). Officials, however, dismissed the documents as 'fake'. *With reports from Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau and TJ Burgonio*

Rebel officers nix commission appearance

By TJ Burgonio

THE FIVE Magdalo group leaders have closed the door to the possibility of testifying again before the independent Feliciano Commission which, they believe, is bent on establishing their guilt in the July 27 mutiny.

However, their lawyers said yesterday, Lieutenants (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes and James Layug, and Captains Gerardo Gambala, Gary Alejano and Milo Maestrecampo were willing to testify in congressional hearings, but only on matters concerning the Oakwood incident.

The chances of another appearance before the commission were "very remote," said the junior officers' counsel, Homobono Adaza, "especially with the experience of Trillanes, (who) is being prosecuted like mad. There is a demolition campaign going on."

Adaza requested that his clients be allowed to submit affidavits instead, and said the commission could summon them again if it saw the need after sifting through their statements. The commission granted the request.

The lawyer earlier charged that the commission was conducting a "fishing expedition" aimed at netting his clients, rather than ferreting out the circumstances that led to their occupation of the luxury apartment complex in Makati.

"Whatever will be presented here will be used in a court of law," the lawyer said in an interview.

Former Justice Florentino Feliciano, chair of the commission, maintained that the inquiry was fact-finding in nature, and was not after determining anyone's guilt or innocence. But Adaza protested that the commission often strayed from its chief objective.

"If I were in their shoes," he said, "I would first determine why (the soldiers) went to Oakwood. The answer is that they were hunted. Why were they hunted? Who were hunting them? Upon whose orders? What (did they think) would happen to them if they were caught?"

Layug, Gambala and Alejano refused to take the witness stand at the resumption of the commission's inquiry on Friday in Camp Aguinaldo.

Adaza cited as reasons, among other things, lawyer Mario Ongkiko's "prosecutorial" grilling of Trillanes and Maestrecampo in last Wednesday's proceedings, and what his clients felt was a bias for President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Ongkiko, a seasoned trial lawyer, admitted that grilling witnesses was his method "to get the facts out."

University of the Philippines Prof. Carolina Hernandez, a member of the commission, added that the body was still "looking for a level of comfort" with its witnesses.

Adaza said the five officers, all members of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1995, would "invoke the right to remain silent" if they appeared before the Senate panel again and were grilled about their finances, as Trillanes was last Thursday.

"Why are they doing a lifestyle check on our clients when the purpose here is to have legislation enacted to prevent another Oakwood?" the lawyer demanded. "Senators always like to grandstand. Most of them are not (even) lawyers."

Trillanes has been charged with graft before the Office of the Ombudsman based on his admission during the Thursday hearing that he failed to file his statement of assets and liabilities in 2001 and 2002.

The five officers had been summoned to the Senate, together with National Security Adviser Roilo Golez, Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, AFP chief Gen. Narciso Abaya, and Interior and Local Government Secretary Joey Lina.

Cooperating with the government had put his clients in "more serious trouble," Adaza pointed out. Henceforth, he said, they would speak up, "if at all," only if they were to be tried by military and civilian courts.

The President is not pleased, to put it mildly.

She lashed out at the mutineers as a "band of arrogant rogues" and a disgrace to the uniform. The majority of the Filipino soldiers were quietly silently doing their job, knowing all the risks and sacrifices that the service entailed, she said in her weekly radio message.

Lopez: I didn't single out GMA

By Juliet L. Javellana

AFTER earlier criticizing the President for her "populist policies," industrialist Oscar Lopez yesterday clarified that it was wrong to single out President Macapagal-Arroyo for the country's business climate.

"President Macapagal is as much a victim of the prevailing political system and environment as the rest of us. The judicial branch and to some extent, some elements of Congress, have contributed to the negative climate," Lopez said in a statement sent to the INQUIRER by Pedro "Boo" Chanco II, the spokesperson of the Lopez Group.

Lopez, chair and chief executive officer of Benpres Holdings, the holding company of the Lopez Group, told the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines Thursday that Ms Macapagal was bad for business because of her populist policies which could drive the country down the "road to ruin."

He said the country needed a strong leadership which he did not see in the President or any of the declared candidates for next year's elections.

Lopez's statement drew a strong retort from presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye who said that Lopez should not blame the President if some of his businesses are not doing well.

Yesterday, Lopez took his words back.

Lopez, who belongs to one of the country's most powerful business clans, also clarified that he was not declaring war on the President "as one newspaper headline suggested, but was merely responding to a question on whether the President had been able to foster a positive business climate in the country."

"I was asked if President Macapagal was good for business and I merely answered that in my opinion, while she had done a lot in her short stint thus far, her continued adherence to populist policies reduced the ability of private businesses to earn a fair return on their investments," Lopez said.

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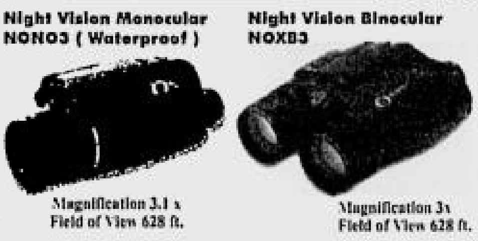

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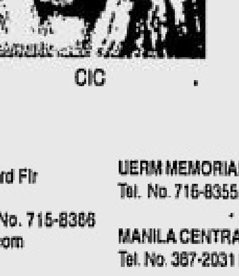

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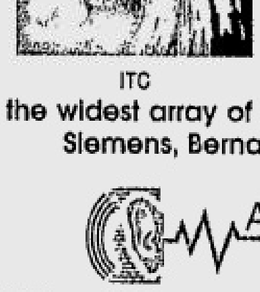

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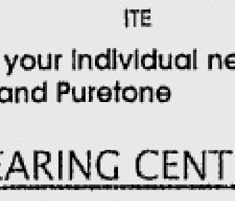

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Tighter security in wake of Hambali capture

By TJ Burgonio

DIRECTOR General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. has ordered the entire national police force to tighten security in "soft targets" like malls, transport terminals, churches and mosques in case of attacks by terrorist groups.

Ebdane issued the directive following fresh fears the militant group Jemaah Islamiyah would launch terror attacks in Southeast Asia after the arrest of its leader, Hambali, in Thailand last Monday.

With the order, the Philippine National Police remained on heightened alert, which is a notch lower than full alert and is equivalent to the military's blue alert, police officials said.

The military, for its part, has not monitored any plans to attack any part of the country, but it has mobilized its intelligence agents to gather information.

Maj. Gen. Pedro Cabuay, new chief of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp), said, "We don't want to be alarmist; we have not monitored any such plans."

"But we have in place measures to monitor and provide any information to the police for whatever eventuality," he said in a phone interview.

Chief Supt. Arturo Lomibao, police director for. intelligence, said, "He (Ebdane) emphasized to the policemen to raise the alert in key economic installations and to harden soft targets such as malls and mosques, and other areas where people congregate."

"There might be some retaliatory attacks," he added, noting that the JI usually mounted assaults following the arrest or indictment of their leaders.

Director Ricardo de Leon, police spokesperson, said security measures were in place to foil any terrorist attack. "We've instructed our policemen to be more vigilant because Hambali's followers might launch retaliatory attacks."

Hambali, born Riduan Isamuddin, was captured in Ayutthaya, Thailand on Monday, handed over to the US authorities for his supposed role in the "9/11" incident and flown to Indonesian for interrogation.

As this developed, Lomibao and Cabuay denied reports that escaped terror suspect Opik Lasal had been captured, saying they had not received any reports to that effect.

Wanted: Davao bombing probers

By Martin P. Marfil

MALACAÑANG is looking for members to constitute a task force that will investigate the bombing of the Sasa Wharf in Davao City last April, a Catholic archbishop revealed yesterday.

Davao Archbishop Fernando Capalla said he was invited to be part of the investigating body by President Macapagal-Arroyo through a Cabinet official sent to see him on Aug. 4.

Capalla, however, turned down the offer after being told that it was a highly "political" body and the Church could be blamed for its findings.

Instead, he gave Malacañang several names of persons who he thought could greatly help the probe.

The body would be tasked to investigate the bombing of the Sasa Wharf in Davao City on April 2 which killed 16 people.

Ms Macapagal earlier announced the creation of an independent commission to investigate the renegade soldiers' allegations that defense and military officials were behind the bombings in Davao City in April. The bombing of the city's airport and wharf left 38 people dead.

Leaders of rebel soldiers involved in the failed July 27 mutiny said that former military intelligence chief Brig. Gen. Victor Corpus was spotted in the area before the bombing.

Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV, one of the leaders of the failed coup attempt, had testified that the bombings in Davao were part of the alleged Oplan Green Base.

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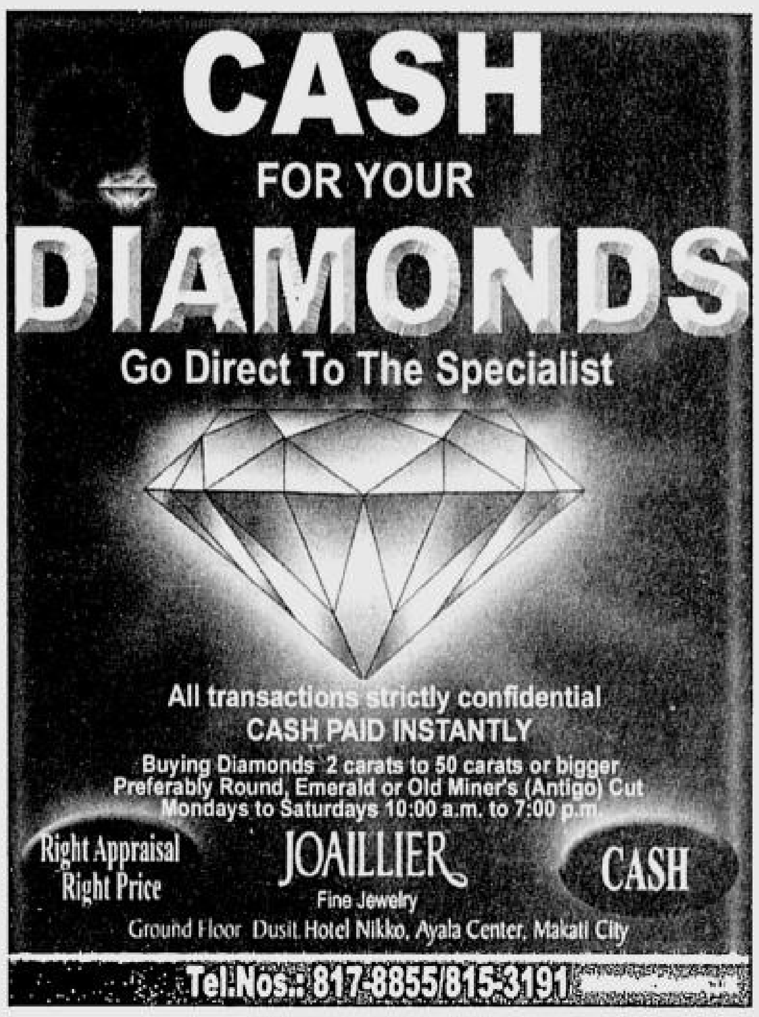
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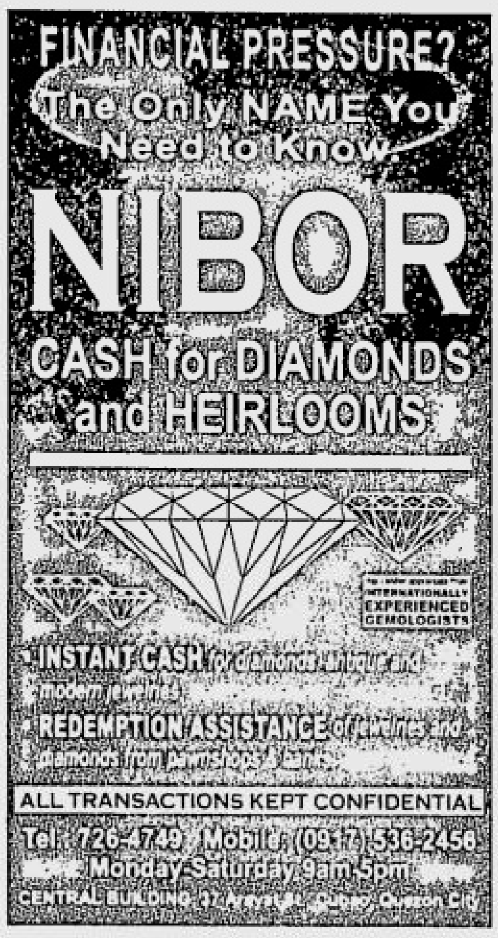
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High court revives graft raps vs general

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE SUPREME Court has revived graft charges against a military general who had headed the Armed Forces of the Philippines-Retirement and Separation Benefits System (AFP-RSBS) for allegedly milking the soldiers' fund of more than P250 million.

In a seven-page decision, the SC First Division reinstated the malversation through falsification of public documents case against Gen. Jose Ramiscal Jr. and four others who allegedly misappropriated and converted to their personal use P250,318,200 in RSBS funds.

Ramiscal's co-accused are Julian Alzaga, lawyer Manuel Satuito, Elizabeth Liang and Jesus Garcia.

The Supreme Court directed the Sandiganbayan to resume hearing the case "with dispatch."

One of the demands of the disgruntled junior officers during the July 27 Makati mutiny was a probe of the disposition of RSBS funds.

The AFP-RSBS manages the retirement and pension funds of military men. Officers and enlisted personnel in active service contribute to the system an amount equivalent to four percent of their monthly salary.

The Sandiganbayan dismissed the case in May 2000 for lack of jurisdiction after Ramiscal and his co-accused claimed that the RSBS was a "private entity."

But in a decision last Tuesday, the high court ruled that the AFP-RSBS was a government entity and its funds were public in nature.

The Supreme Court noted that the system was administered by the AFP chief of staff through an agency, group, committee, or board that he was authorized to create, organize and subject to "such rules and regulations as he may promulgate from time to time, subject to the approval of the Secretary of National Defense."

Moreover, the high court said, investment of its funds decided by the AFP chief of staff with the approval of the defense secretary, and its charter provided funding by, among others, appropriations from the government.

It added: "(These) considerations indicate that the character and operations of the AFP-RSBS are imbued with public interest. As such, we hold that the same is a government entity and its funds are in the nature of public funds."

The Sandiganbayan initially denied the motion of the accused to nullify the complaint against them. Ramiscal and the four others appealed, and the anti-graft court reversed itself.

Malacañang moved for the Sandigan to reconsider but its motions were denied. The government then appealed to the SC.

Last month, the SC also cleared the way for the Senate blue ribbon committee to compel a lawyer, Nilo Flaviano, to testify in a probe of another case involving AFP-RSBS funds.

Lifestyle check hazardous to gov't execs' golf game

By Armand N. Nocum

THE ONGOING lifestyle check on key government officials is not only giving them sleepless nights but has caused their golf handicaps to shoot up.

Certain officials of the Bureaus of Customs and Internal Revenue and the Department of Public Works and Highway complained that golf-playing officials like them appeared to be the target of the government's lifestyle check.

"Why are we being singled out? Could we ask for a mulligan?" said a DPWH official, whose handicap has increased from a 7 to a 20 upon learning he was one of 10 DPWH officials being investigated by the Office of the Ombudsman.

A handicap is an indicator of a golfer's skill. It is based on the score he usually shoots for an 18-hole round. The lower the handicap, e.g. zero when he shoots an even-par 72, the better the score.

Mulligan refers to the chance given to a player to take another shot during tee off when his first shot is bad.

Of the 10 DPWH officials now under investigation by the Ombudsman, five are avid golf players, some with single-digit handicaps, it was learned.

Earlier, of four BIR and BOC officials charged with graft, one—Lucien Sayuno—had memberships in four golf and country clubs, which he did not declare in his statement of assets and liabilities.

Another BOC official, however, said this was unfair to golf-playing officials.

"Is golf now a stigma that even rebel soldiers are pointing to golf-playing generals as generally corrupt?" asked the official who, like the DPWH golfer, asked that he not be identified.

Overall Deputy Ombudsman Margarito Gervacio Jr., a golf player himself, assured the officials that playing golf was not the only basis for investigating an official for graft.

"It does not follow that all golfers are maintaining a high living," he said.

Presidential Anti-Graft Commission chair Dario Rama confirmed that two DPWH officials who are being investigated are golf players.

In another investigation, Rama said the PAGC has given Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes until Wednesday to submit the deed of sale for his 400-sq-m lot in Fort Bonifacio where the retired general is reportedly building a P10-million house.

Rama also asked Reyes to submit employment and salary records of his four sons who co-signed the P10 million loan Reyes said he obtained from the Philippine Savings Bank to finance the construction.

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P4B in taxes went up in smoke, says solon

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE GOVERNMENT has lost around P4 billion in the last six years because of the Bureau of Internal Revenue's failure to collect the correct excise taxes from new cigarette brands covered by the Comprehensive Tax Reform Law.

Ilocos Sur Rep. Eric Singson said that since the passage of the Tax Reform Law or Republic Act 8240 in 1997, the BIR has failed to conduct mandatory price surveys of new cigarette brands and collect the right taxes amounting to some P8 million a day.

Because of his revelation, Singson said, the House committee on ways and means stopped considering all pending revenue bills endorsed by the Department of Finance.

He said members of the committee chaired by Rep. Julio Ledesma of Negros Occidental agreed during a public hearing on Tuesday that the government should collect the taxes from new cigarette brands introduced after October 1996.

Suspension of all requests for new revenue laws would continue until the BIR complied, said Singson, who is also a member of the five-man oversight committee which oversees implementation of revenue laws passed by Congress.

He did not intend to block the possible approval of the proposed increase on excise taxes, the solon said, adding that he had even filed a similar bill on this. "But," he stressed, "it's my firm belief that the DOF and the BIR should immediately implement the Tax Reform Law of 1997."

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'World watching how RP handles Marcos loot'

By Dona Pazzibugan, Norman Bordadora and Carlito Pablo

THE INTERNATIONAL community is closely watching how the $683 million (about P38 billion) recovered Marcos wealth will be spent, according to the Presidential Commission on Good Government.

PCGG Commissioner Ruben Carranza said other governments besides Switzerland's have been helping recover the ill-gotten wealth of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos and are concerned about how the money will be spent.

"The unstated concern of foreign governments we deal with [is] that the money that we recovered, the money that was lost from corruption, might again be lost," Carranza said yesterday.

The Swiss government ordered the Marcos deposits in the country transferred to the Philippine government following the July 15 Supreme Court ruling that they were ill-gotten.

He said that while the government was free to decide how the money is to be used, it should consider that whatever it did would have implications on the PCGG's continuing pursuit of other alleged Marcos ill-gotten wealth abroad.

"So it's important to impress upon the international community that we mean to use the money recovered from corruption for the benefit of the Filipino people in very specific programs," Carranza said.

Commitment

Under the law, all recovered ill-gotten wealth is to go to the agrarian reform program.

But in keeping with a commitment to Swiss authorities, Congress is preparing to pass a law that would set aside some $200 million, or P10 billion, of the recovered assets to compensate Marcos' human rights victims.

The question of the "judicious" use of the funds has come up after farmers groups complained of a reported plan of the Department of Agrarian Reform to use only P8 billion of the P38 billion for actual land reform.

Secretary Roberto Pagdanganan reportedly said that P22 billion would go to roads, irrigation, credit and other related services, including the construction of schools in agrarian reform communities.

Malacañang earlier set aside P8 billion for the human rights victims.

In its proposed P865 billion budget for next year, Malacañang included P17.3 billion of the Marcos assets in the budget of the DAR.

The funds remains in a escrow account in the Philippine National Bank, awaiting transfer when the SC décision becomes "final and executory."

Carranza said the government is "confident" the decision would become final by the time the budget is approved next year.

In a statement yesterday, Pagdanganan explained that the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program does not merely fund land transfers but also has to finance support services "necessary to ensure that the program becomes a productive boon rather than a burden to the country."

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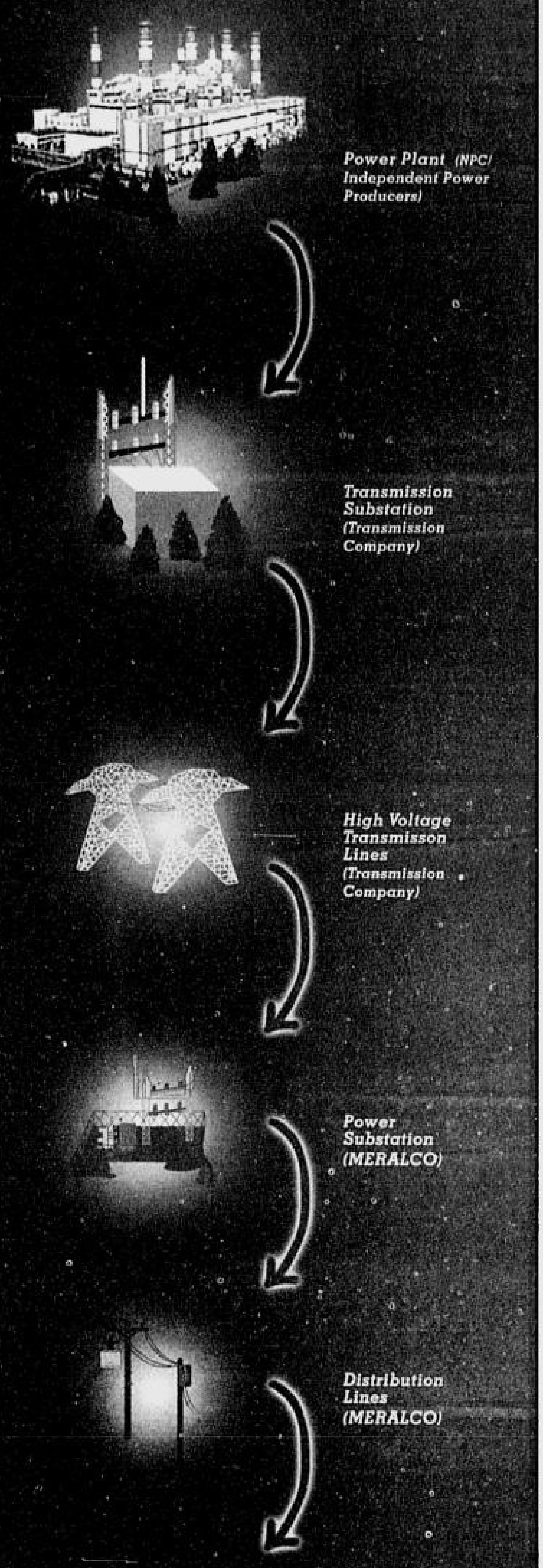
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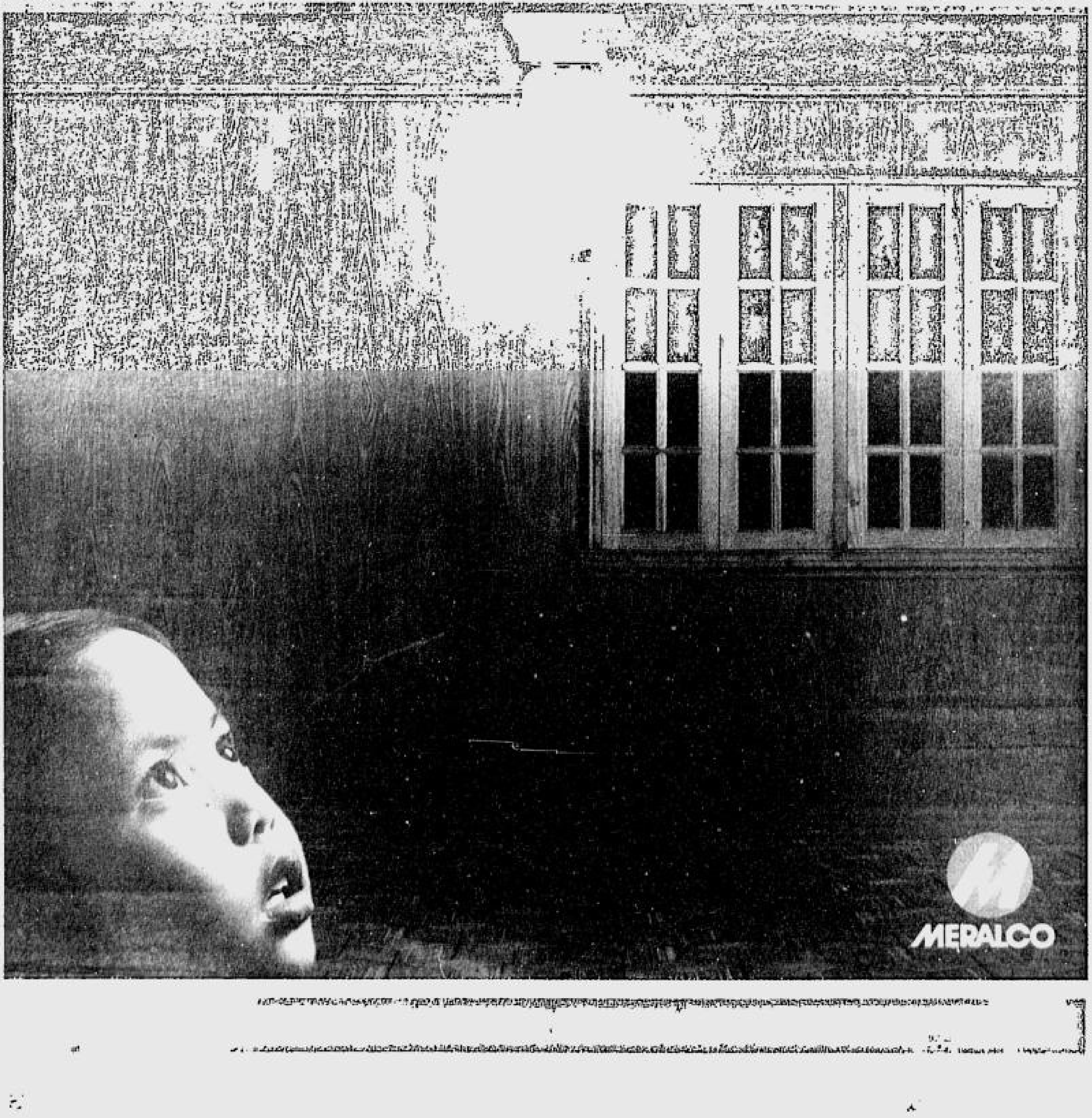

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Marita "Mai-mai" Jimenez to "check with the management" of GMA 7 regarding the actions of Panganiban-Perez.

In the interview, Panganiban-Perez reiterated that she did interview Honasan on Aug. 12 but would not debate with the President out of respect for her.

Chilling effect

One reporter said the President was glaring at Panganiban-Perez during the exchange.

Ely Saludar, the president of the 60-member Malacañang Press Corps, immediately condemned the incident. He said it "sends a chilling effect on press freedom."

As in previous instances when she let her temper get the better of her, the President was quick to mend fences with GMA 7.

Press Secretary Milton Alingod, himself a former GMA 7 official, said Ms Macapagal motored to the GMA 7 studios last night to explain the incident to the network's officials. She stayed for one hour.

The Palace publicity and political machine also immediately went into overdrive to contain the damage.

"The government is resolved to uphold the freedom of the press. At the same time, we are also forseworn to uphold national security," said deputy spokesperson Ricardo Saludo in a statement.

Not spying

Saludo said the government was not engaged in "spying on the media or in the harassment of reporters in the conduct of their legitimate work."

But he said the press should be "more circumspect" in its reportage and in the means it uses to gather information when there is a threat to national security and the authorities are in the midst of operations "against persons suspected of being engaged in a conspiracy to overthrow the duly constituted government."

He explained that Panganiban-Perez was "encountered by chance by intelligence assets" looking for Honasan who has made himself "inaccessible" following the failed coup.

"This information was relayed by the President to the reporter forthrightly and as a matter of fact, with no intention to threaten her with legal action," Saludo said.

Chief of Staff Rigoberto Tiglao, himself a former journalist, sought to assure journalists that the President "will never attempt to harass or muzzle media."

"As a former media man, I will be the first to protest any form of curtailment of the legitimate freedom of the press. There is absolutely no policy of surveilling media men or will there ever be," Tiglao said in a statement.

He said the government's intelligence services are merely doing their jobs when they report to the President "information, raw or unverified, that a suspected coup conspirator had clandestinely met with media persons, or with any other person for that matter."

Chimed in Hernani Braganza, the presidential adviser on political affairs: "We should not give prominence to people who are suspected of giving encouragement, moral or otherwise, to those who staged the foiled coup."

Braganza likened the President's action to the police asking the media not to report on an ongoing security operation.

Bad mood

Witnesses to the tense exchange during the Calapan dinner said the President was already in a bad mood when she sat at the media table where Panganiban-Perez was with other media colleagues, among them ABS-CBN television reporter Tony Velasquez.

Jimenez reportedly began by asking the Palace reporters if they had interviewed Southern Luzon Army commander Alfonso Dagudag who, she said, would have something to say against Honasan.

Jimenez had reportedly been dogging the journalists since morning to interview Dagudag in Naujan, Oriental Mindoro, but the media pack said they did not have the time as they were busy following the President's convoy to Calapan.

The President allegedly butted in, saying: "Maybe she does not want [to interview Dagudag because] she only wants Honasan."

Sharp glances

Ms Macapagal was reportedly throwing "sharp glances" at Panganiban-Perez who seemed oblivious that she was the target of the presidential temper.

Panganiban-Perez reportedly told the President that she had interviewed Honasan on Aug. 12, the day after Ms Macapagal lifted the state of rebellion on Aug. 11.

"No, it was during and that's abetting rebellion," the President shot back, adding that she had "assets" who saw the reporter with Honasan during that period.

Jimenez was reportedly laughing gleefully while Panganiban-Perez was getting the dressing-down.

Panganiban-Perez reportedly told the President that she was just doing her job and that she had the go-signal of her GMA 7 superiors to do the Honasan interview.

"Oh really? We'll just have to check that with your management," the President is reported to have said.

She then reportedly turned to Jimenez and directed her to "check with the [GMA 7] management."

The President asked Panganiban-Perez if she had interviewed Dagudag, to which the reporter replied that he was not around.

"He was there! You interviewed the other side, (but) you don't want to interview the other (government) side!" the President reportedly said.

Tension

Velasquez reportedly succeeded in deflecting the tense atmosphere by asking the President to comment on the Senate hearings into the failed coup where the rebellious soldiers had appeared.

The GMA 7 crew with Panganiban-Perez said they were not able to shoot the exchange because of "tension."

Velasquez mentioned the President's complaint briefly at the end of his report in the "Insider" program.

Eileen Intia, the Malacañang reporter for GMA 7's dzBB radio, made a lengthy report on the "scolding."

But sources at the TV station said that Intia and the dzBB anchors were advised to "stop talking" about the incident yesterday after Malacañang called up GMA 7 management.

GMA 7 sources said Tiglao had made several calls to top executives of the station to remind them to be careful about airing stories critical of the President.

Tiglao said this was not true.

"Who me?" was Tiglao's pained reaction when asked if he was involved in alleged administration efforts to gag the media.

He said the most recent conversation he had with a top GMA 7 executive was during a meeting of the board of trustees of the Bantayog ng Mga Bayani.

He said he had met with Felipe Gozon, president and chief executive officer of GMA Network, and discussed with Gozon the way GMA 7 was handling stories on the mutineers.

Veiled threats

"I said it was dangerous to glamorize the mutineers ... we cannot stop this kind of news but we should not glamorize these people," he said.

The GMA 7 sources said that another broadcast journalist, Arnold Clavio, had been receiving veiled threats from the administration over his commentaries and stories that were critical of Ms Macapagal.

The sources said Malacañang was particularly angered by Clavio's interviews with the wives and relatives of the mutineers, which were perceived to favor the rebels.

Clavio also received angry reactions from Palace officials over comments he made on air that criticized the President or ridiculed the administration, the sources said.

Reached by phone, Clavio refused to comment.

Panganiban-Perez, the first local television reporter to have obtained an interview with Honasan after he had declared himself "inaccessible," said she worked for a week to get that exclusive.

She said it was the first time she had talked with Honasan though she had been in contact with some members of his staff who were her schoolmates at the University of the Philippines.

She said she coordinated with her GMA 7 superiors the whole time. GMA 7 even had a "contest" promising to reward the reporter who could get Honasan, she said.

She said she had begun her report by saying (in Tagalog): "Now that the state of rebellion has been lifted, Honasan still would not come out."

But Tiglao said the President was "sure" that Panganiban-Perez interviewed Honasan when the state of rebellion was still in effect.

"I think she could have received a report from intelligence sources monitoring Senator Honasan, not any journalist in particular," Tiglao said.

Reds would welcome rebel soldiers – Sison

By Norman Bordadora
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LUCENA CITY—Self-exiled communist leader Jose Maria Sison has scoffed at the fractious situation in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, boasting that "democracy thrives" in the New People's Army more than in the military.

Sison was reacting to the July 27 mutiny by idealistic junior military officers in Makati City. He also welcomed any soldier who would join the NPA.

"Democracy thrives within the New People's Army, despite the limited resources it has and the tremendous odds it faces from the enemy," Sison said in an e-mail statement from Utrecht, the Netherlands yesterday.

He said: "In the first place, [the NPA] is fighting for the revolutionary cause of the people. The Red commanders and fighters are self-sacrificing in the service of the people."

'No way to cheat'

"There is no way for NPA officers to cheat on supplies," he added.

One of the issues raised by the rebel officers on July 27 was the graft and corruption in the procurement of military supplies.

Sison said: "All of these conditions incite the lower officers and enlisted men to rebel in the light of any modicum amount of patriotism and concern for public interest. I would not be surprised if in the near future a real coup attempt is launched, with the directness of a flying wedge."

In another statement, Sison said the Communist Party of the Philippines would welcome young and idealistic government soldiers into its ranks.

"It is not idle and futile for cadres of the national democratic movement to do revolutionary work within the reactionary army. The soldiers here are mostly recruited from the toiling masses of workers and peasants," Sison said.

He also encouraged "revolutionary work" within the AFP.

Discreet discussions

He said "discreet" discussion groups could be formed to expose the "pro-imperialist and reactionary character of the armed forces."

The activity, he said, could be aimed even at cadets of the Philippine Military Academy.

"The cadres can form patriotic and progressive associations with legal objectives among the cadets and among the active officers and enlisted personnel," Sison said.

The militant Bagong Alyansang Makabayan also called on young military officers who were disillusioned with the government to resign their commissions and "serve the country (with) groups like Bayan."

"The patriotic anti-corruption elements in the military are welcome to link up with Bayan so that we may share ideas on how to best reform the armed forces and transform the country into a more progressive, prosperous and democratic nation," said Bayan secretary general Teodoro Casiño.

Casiño said that while Bayan does not condone the acts committed at Oakwood or any attempt to grab power through a coup, it encourages those in the military "to air their grievances and conduct militant but peaceful protests like we are doing."

Nene laughs off assassination plot

By Michael Lim Ubac

OPPOSITION Sen. Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel yesterday laughed off allegations that Sen. Gregorio Honasan had planned to assassinate him in 2001, along with then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

"I don't take assassination reports at face value," said Pimentel in an interview, stressing that it was not unusual for public officials to be targets of assassination.

But he said it was incumbent upon the government, not upon himself, to verify the report of the assassination plot by Police Director Eduardo Matillano, a former official of the Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabayan (RAM).

Pimentel reminded the Macapagal administration that it was part of its duty to protect him. "I'm a civilian," he said. "My safety is in the hands of (the government)."

Pimentel reiterated his stand that retired Navy Capt. Proceso Maligalig's allegation that Honasan had plotted to kill former President Estrada et al. was a "fairy tale" that was "good only for gossip, not for policy concerns."

The solon said on Friday that the RAM spokesperson's disclosure could be an attempt to drive a wedge among the ranks of the political opposition, "to exacerbate the fissures."

In any case, he said, he didn't hear about the alleged plots either during or after Edsa II which overthrew Estrada.

So sue us, Loi dares Palace

By Michael Lim Ubac

OPPOSITION Sen. Luisa 'Loi' Ejercito-Estrada yesterday dared Malacañang to formally charge members of her family in court, instead of subjecting them to trial by publicity.

Estrada, the wife of deposed President Joseph Estrada, her two sons and daughter have been implicated in the failed military uprising by junior military officers but have not been charged. They have denied any link to the attempted coup.

In an interview over radio station dzMM, Estrada yesterday said that officials of the Macapagal administration should stop engaging in a media war and instead file charges in court.

"*Sabi ko ibigay niyo na lang sa korte yan para doon kami mag-usap. Naninira na sila. Bakit pa sila (naninira)? .... Wala na silang (di) itinuro sa amin,*" (They should file it in court. They are destroying us. Why are they destroying us. They are always pointing an accusing finger at us.), said Estrada over the radio.

The senator was particularly outraged by the latest allegation hurled by government investigators linking her only daughter Jacqueline Ejercito-Lopez to the Oakwood mutiny.

Director Eduardo Matillano, chief of the Philippine National Police Criminal and Investigation Division, said Friday that Lopez could be charged as an accessory to the rebellion since one of the Kia Besta vans allegedly used by the mutineers was registered in her name.

Matillano said that Lopez was the treasurer and custodian of the corporate records and transactions of the family-owned JELP Real Estate Development Corp., the registered owner of the vehicles.

Military investigators earlier linked Estrada to the mutiny after two vans abandoned by mutineers on the eve of the rebellion were traced to her through subdivision stickers issued in her name.

The vans, a Kia Besta and a Mitsubishi L-300, had North Greenhills subdivision decals issued in the name of Senator Estrada, and were found containing documents bearing the name of reserve Air Force Capt. Jude Estrada. She has denied the charges, saying the vans in question had been sold years ago.

Former president Estrada has also denied involvement in the failed mutiny that collapsed after 19 hours but officials claimed that his mistress and a former Cabinet member provided houses used as staging areas by the mutineers.

Former actress Laarni Enriquez, a mistress of Estrada, was earlier implicated in the failed coup attempt after officials discovered that she owned the Mandaluyong City townhouse used by military rebels as a staging area for their rebellion. High-powered firearms and paraphernalia used by rebels were found in the house.

Another house allegedly used by the rebels was that of Ramon 'Eki' Cardenas, a former deputy executive secretary of Estrada, in Dasmariñas Village. A raid of the house also yielded high-powered firearms, medical kits and red Magdalo flags and armbands used by the mutineers.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, August 17, 2003
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Pro 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house
set upon seven pillars;
she has slaughtered her beasts,
prepared her wine and laid her table.
Next, she sent her servants to call
from the central square of the city,
"Pass by here, you who are fools."
To the senseless she says,
"Come, eat and drink
of the bread and wine I have prepared.
Give up your foolishness and you will live;
take the straight path of discernment."

2nd Reading: Eph 5:15-20

Pay attention to how you behave. Do not live as the unwise do, but as responsible persons. Try to make good use of the present time, because these days are evil. So do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Do not get drunk: wine leads to levity; but be filled with the Holy Spirit. Gather together to pray with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and celebrate the Lord in your heart, giving thanks to God the Father in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord, always and for everything.

Gospel: Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowds, "I am the living bread which has come from heaven; whoever eats of this bread will live forever. The bread I shall give is my flesh and I will give it for the life of the world."

The Jews were arguing among themselves, "How can this man give us flesh to eat?" So Jesus replied, "Truly, I say to you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood live with eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day.

My flesh is really food and my blood is drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood, live in me and I in them. Just as the Father, who is life, sent me and I have life from the Father, so whoever eats me will have life from me. This is the bread which came from heaven; unlike that of your ancestors, who ate and later died. Those who eat this bread will live forever."

Commentary

His hearers must have been horrified. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" It must have been too much for them to take. Never have they heard of anyone speak in that manner. It was so real, so graphic, so plain and literal. Surely, he must have meant something symbolic or metaphorical? But Jesus didn't. He was speaking plainly, and he wasn't concerned whether they'd understand what he was saying or not. He spoke in as ordinary a way as he could. What he meant of course was his body and blood which was to be given up for the salvation of the world—the promise of everlasting life to those who believe. Jesus was speaking of his suffering and death, and how this was to become the means by which the redemption of the human race was to become a reality. The words of Jesus are truly simple, and his message is equally simple. In him alone is our salvation, in him alone do we find fullness of life, and in him alone will we find the satisfaction that will never again leave us hungry. Sadly, precisely because of the simplicity of his message, many have failed to see the wonderful truth contained in it.

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POLITICAL LAW (ELECTORAL LAW)—Pre-proclamation controversy—Section 243 of the Omnibus Election Code enumerates the issues that may be raised in a pre-proclamation controversy, to wit: a) Illegal composition or proceeding of the board of canvassers; b) The canvassed election returns are incomplete, contain material defects, appear to be tampered with or falsified, or contain discrepancies in the same returns or in other authentic copies thereof as mentioned in Sections 233, 234, 235, and 236 of this Code; c) The election returns were prepared under duress, threats, coercion, or intimidation, or they are obviously manufactured or not authentic; and d) When substitute or fraudulent returns in controverted polling places were canvassed, the results of which materially affected the standing of the aggrieved candidate or candidates. (Emphasis supplied). The enumeration is exclusive. Non-compliance by a Board of Canvassers of the prescribed canvassing procedure is not an "illegal proceeding" under paragraph (a) of Section 243 of the Omnibus Election Code, given the summary nature of a pre-proclamation controversy, consistent with the law's desire that the canvass and proclamation be delayed as little as possible. A pre-proclamation controversy is limited to an examination of the election returns on their face and the Comelec as a general rule need not go beyond the face of the returns and investigate the alleged election irregularities. [Citations omitted.] [En Banc, Justice Carpio-Morales, In the Matter of the Petition to Exclude Election Returns Contained in Nine (9) Ballot Boxes, etc., Navarro v. Commission on Elections, G.R. No. 150799. February 3, 2003]

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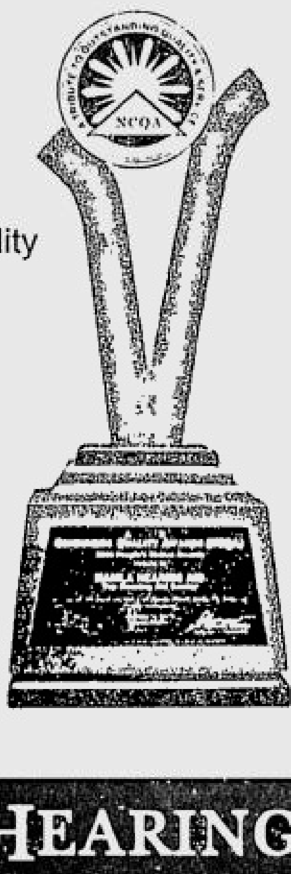

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Arrogance

EDITORIAL

THE LAST time we checked, arrogance is not an impeachable offense. It isn't even a crime. It may betray a defect, even an outright failure, in character, but in itself it is not legally actionable.

What it is, eminently, is a political offense. It unmasks the offender as undemocratic (does not consult), uncharitable (does not empathize), and ultimately unworthy of support.

Let us grant that Navy Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV, the spokesperson of the July 27 mutineers, used the term in this political sense, during his appearance last Wednesday before the Feliciano Commission. When he famously described President Macapagal-Arroyo as "arrogant," he did not mean to say that the President had violated a law. He meant to say that, when Ms Macapagal allegedly refused to give him a fair hearing during that fateful meeting in Malacañang on Sunday, July 13, she offended him on a personal level. By doing so, she had shown her true colors: a President who does not deserve the people's support.

Like everything else that the mutiny leaders tried to do, there is an element of calculation in firing this particular broadside at the President. They thought the President's temper made her vulnerable to an accusation of arrogance. But like everything else that the mutiny leaders actually ended up doing, the arrogance gambit was a gross miscalculation. It blew up in their faces.

In the first place, witnesses to the meeting, including Trillanes' very same Philippine Military Academy classmate who brokered it, described a different reality. The meeting was actually cordial and at the same time candid, what diplomats would have called a frank exchange.

In the second place, even if the accounts of the President's aide and the Presidential Security Guard official are discounted as only a version of events, the facts as agreed upon by all parties paint a clear picture: Fearing for his life, Trillanes is allowed entry into Malacañang Park at 3 a.m. that Sunday. He convinces his classmate to arrange an impromptu meeting with Ms Macapagal. The meeting takes place at about 7 a.m., and lasts about an hour and a half.

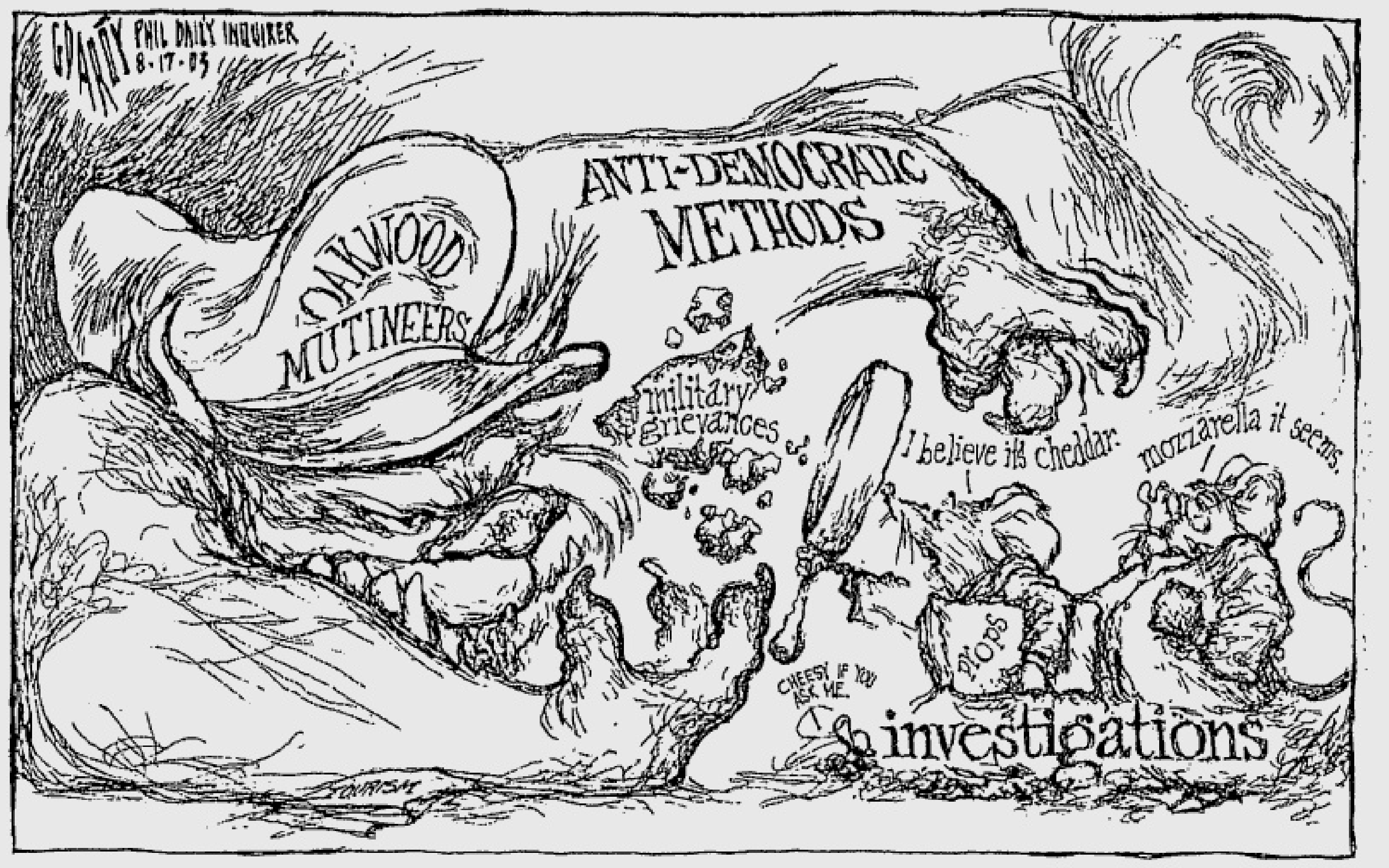
Let's think about that for a moment. On the say-so of her aide, the commander in chief of a 100,000-strong military agrees on short notice to meet with a junior officer (one of thousands) early on a Sunday morning. Instead of the usual 10- or 15-minute appointment that marks most courtesy calls, the meeting turns into an intense discussion; the officer raises his concerns, and the commander in chief responds at length. (Even Trillanes' account of the President allegedly "yakking and yakking" acknowledges that the meeting went on for a considerable length of time.)

Anywhere else in the world, the action of the commander in chief in such an unusual meeting would be called open or consultative. Only in Trillanes' version is it called arrogant.

And that is exactly where Trillanes' troubles lie. In his version of the country he is living in, he is not a mere officer or an ordinary PMA graduate. His experience on the battlefield (and we presume also his work on his controversial research papers) has given him a privileged position, an Archimedean point of leverage, with which to understand the country's affairs and solve the country's problems.

This privileged position allows him and his fellow mutiny leaders to accuse government and military officials of the gravest crimes without bothering to offer evidence; to place their mutiny on the same level as Edsa I and Edsa II by revising history; to confuse their armed, booby-trapped, perimeter-secured uprising with peaceful protest actions. It allows them to describe a course of action that took place over several weeks as spontaneous, and instruct 24 nationally elected senators on which questions to ask in their own inquiry, and even not to file the mandatory Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

To think that the usual rules don't apply to them: now that is arrogance.



The President as commander in chief

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THE CURRENT restiveness over the Oakwood mutiny has focused national interest on the military powers of the President of the Philippines. The Constitution of 1987 repeats the caution that "civilian authority is, at all times, supreme over the military." Accordingly, it again makes the civilian President the commander in chief of all the armed forces under the widely-hailed Section 18 of Article VII.

The new provision again vests in the President the usual powers he may need to maintain peace and order within the country and repel external aggression. But there is a significant and welcome improvement on the Commonwealth Constitution. Unlike that old charter, the present Constitution limits the exercise of his powers in order to prevent their abuse in a reprise of the past dictatorship.

The powers of the commander in chief were originally worded in such a manner as to allow him sufficient leeway in restricting individual liberties in the name of the national security. It was probably intended for a good and patriotic president but not for a rascal like Marcos. When he declared martial law in 1972, he obviously intended to be a dictator for life. The Supreme Court was only too willing, or intimidated, to support him. The result was more than 13 years of tyranny under the cynical partnership of the despot and his generals.

The old Constitution did not require Marcos to report his proclamation of martial law to Congress; in fact, he padlocked and abolished it. There were four grounds for the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus and the proclamation of martial law, which included the ambiguous "imminent danger of invasion, insurrection or rebellion." His extraordinary powers had no fixed duration and continued without restriction until he was expelled by Edsa I.

From our chastening experience under the past despotism, Section 18 has been crafted to provide for the following limitations on the military power of the President:

1. He may call out the armed forces only when it becomes necessary to prevent or suppress lawless violence, invasion or rebellion.
2. The grounds for the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus or the proclamation of martial law, when the public safety requires it, are now limited to invasion or rebellion.
3. Within 48 hours, the President shall personally or in writing report his suspension of the privilege of the writ or the proclamation of martial law to Congress which, if not in session, must convene within 24 hours without need of a call, to consider such act.
4. The duration of the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus or the proclamation of martial law shall not exceed 60 days, following which it shall be automatically lifted, unless earlier revoked or extended by Congress.
5. Congress may by a majority vote of all its members voting jointly may revoke the presidential act, and such revocation may not be set aside by the President.
6. At the instance of the President, however, Congress may, on the same grounds and with the same vote, extend his suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus or the proclamation of martial law. Such extension shall have no time limit.
7. The action of the President or the extension made by Congress shall be subject to review by the Supreme Court in an appropriate proceeding filed by any citizen. The challenge may not be dismissed as a political question and must be decided within 30 days from the time the case is filed.
8. Martial law does not automatically suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus or the operation of the Constitution. The civil courts and legislative bodies shall remain open. Military tribunals shall not have jurisdiction over civilians where the civil courts are functioning.
9. The suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall apply only to persons charged with rebellion or offenses inherent in or directly connected with the invasion.
10. Any person arrested for such offenses must be judicially charged within three days, otherwise he shall be released.

The catch in this Section 18 is that although the President's acts shall automatically expire after 60 days unless earlier revoked by Congress, it may be indefinitely extended by Congress upon the President's initiative.

The President exercising martial law authority can persuade a pliant Congress to collude with him in continuing his arbitrary rule. The power of the sword cannot be any sharper than during this daunting time. It is naïve to hope that a Congress with a mind of its own and its resolve to preserve our freedom can resist the President's pressure and abort his autocratic regime.

In the last analysis, it will be left to the Supreme Court to decide the future of the nation. If the justices are timorous and weak, they will act as their models did during the Marcos dictatorship and "legitimize" the conspiracy between the political departments. But if the high tribunal is independent and firm as befits its true role as guardian of the Constitution, it can boldly resist the President and Congress and protect the integrity of the Republic.

Three gives

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a quiz show on the Bible, with participants coming from different schools and colleges. All eyes were focused on the last lady contestant. The quiz master said: "For P10,000 tell me, who was the first man?" The lady answered: "Even for P1 million, I wouldn't tell you!"

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We all have treasures which we would rather not part with. These are the things, people or convictions that are of great value to us. But what can you say of a man who is willing to give everything, even His very flesh and blood for others? The guy must be crazy!

That is precisely the reaction of the Jews when they heard Jesus declare that whoever eats His flesh and drinks His blood will have eternal life (Jn. 6, 51-58). While many of us would rather not give (*no-give*), or would give sparingly (*five gives*), Jesus shows us what total and unconditional giving is (*give na give*).

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I borrow an illustration from the late Fr. Bernard Le Frois, SVD about Christ's total sacrifice of Himself in the Eucharist to impart divine life in us. Father Le Frois cites the pelican, a large bird with a large beak. "Legend has it that when the mother bird has nothing more with which to feed her young, she rips open her breast with her beak, and feeds her young with her own blood, until she has given them the last drop. The mother bird dies, but the young live by the total sacrifice of the mother's blood."

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We have often heard, and we ourselves perhaps have often mouthed the saying "It is better to give than to receive," but, *sa totoo lang*, it is not easy to give. Naturally, we'd rather take, and keep.

Of course, we do give, too, but often our giving is conditional ("I give, but..."). Oftentimes too our giving is calculated ("I give, 3 x a day, only"). At times, our giving is manipulative, and with a hidden agenda ("I give, in order that..."). We need to learn from Jesus in the Eucharist what total and conditional giving really is.

Are you a giving person? How do you give? How much do you give? Are you yourself a gift? Are you in tune with the Giver of all gifts?

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There are three "gives," we need to learn in life. The first is simply to learn to give. We teach the children to be wise and to be safe in this world, but are we teaching them to be kind and generous? By word and example, we often teach them to take, hoard and keep, that's why there are so many selfish, individualistic, deceitful, cunning, shrewd and even arrogant people in this world. The problem is doubled when such kids become politicians, government officials, military men, policemen and even religious leaders.

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The second thing we need to learn in life is to *forgive*. Aware that we are recipients of many gifts, and humbled by God's mercy and forgiveness for our sins, mistakes and weaknesses, we too must learn to forgive one another. God has a hard time dealing with those who have never experienced brokenness and forgiveness. Self-righteousness has a cousin called pride, spiritual pride. While we busy ourselves clamoring for justice and for our rights, let us not forget that beyond justice is mercy, forgiveness, compassion and love. Indeed, justice is the minimum of love, but beyond justice is love.

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The third we need to learn in life is to "thanksgive." The word is not in the dictionary. It is in the heart that is deeply aware and humbled by God's generosity.

The problem with "self-made" people is that they begin to think of their worth in terms of their achievements and hard work. They leave no room for grace anymore in their lives, and treat others in the same way. Such people see themselves to be bigger than what they really are. They have bad vision, and a wrong sense of mission, if any, at all.

Let us learn to "thanksgive" to God and to one another, and we all will have a more beautiful world.

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The Eucharist is where God is present to *give* and *forgive*, and that is where we in return "*thanksgive*." Our lives should be one big Eucharist filled with giving, forgiving and thanksgiving.

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For those who belittle the importance and value of the Eucharist, as they are so busy with their quest for wealth and achievements in this world, here is an anecdote from F.H. Dunkwater: Napoleon Bonaparte, who was known for his victories and conquests, was once asked by one of his generals what was the happiest day of his life. They thought he would mention his victory in Lombardy or Austerlitz or the Bridge of Lodi. After a long pause, Napoleon replied, "The happiest day of my life? Ah—that was the day of my first communion. I was near to God then."

Are you still near to God? God is always near you and me. It is we who move away. Let us go back and stay close to Him, especially in the Eucharist.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, teach me in life to give, forgive and "thanksgive." Amen.

To make a difference

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

SEVERAL MONTHS back while browsing through some books in a small store in the suburbs of Chicago, I was attracted by the name Joseph Lieberman on the cover of a particular book. Lieberman, a US senator from the state of Connecticut and a member of the Senate armed services committee, had just declared his intention to run for the US presidency. I recall that during the impeachment hearings of President Bill Clinton, Lieberman was the only Democratic senator who delivered a privilege speech in the Senate criticizing the behavior of Clinton. This may have been one of the reasons why in 2000 he was chosen by Al Gore as his vice-presidential running mate in their losing campaign against Republican George W. Bush.

The name of the book is "In Praise of Public Life." In it, Lieberman explains why in spite of the cynicism of many Americans regarding politics and politicians, he decided to continue a career in public life, believing that "it can be an honorable, constructive, satisfactory and enjoyable career deserving of the best among us." Incidentally, because he is a practicing Jew, Lieberman avoids driving a car on the Sabbath and walks the four miles between his home and the Senate if there are sessions to attend on that day. If the sessions end late at night, the Capitol police provide him with an escort, on foot and in an accompanying vehicle. There are specific prohibitions of the Sabbath: no use of phones, cars, or electricity which means no television or radio. But I understand these can be disregarded when the situation involves the health, well-being or security of people.

According to Lieberman, a recent national study of college freshmen (in the United States) showed that more students are choosing teaching as a career than at any time in the past quarter century. Why? Certainly not for ego or pay. The response given repeatedly by the students in this survey was their desire "to make a difference."

Lieberman then raised the question: "Why in the world would anyone, including the next generation, choose the public life of a politician today?" For him, the answer was the same answer given by the young students who were going into teaching: to make a difference. "For all that is wrong with our system of government, and there is much that needs repair, it remains a place where one can truly and uniquely make a difference, where one can help improve our country and even, occasionally, the world."

Some months ago, an old friend who was being pressured to take a difficult and highly sensitive position in government, called me up one morning to ask my opinion on the matter. It is highly possible that at that moment he had already made up his mind and needed only some moral support. The top jobs at the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), and at the Bureau of Customs (BOC), are two of the most delicate posts in our bureaucracy and when Commissioner Willy Parayno asked me about the BIR job, I knew he was in a quandary over a difficult situation.

For our readers who may not be too familiar with the current BIR commissioner, let me provide a brief outline of his career. Guillermo Parayno Jr. graduated from the Philippine Military Academy with the Class of 1970, finishing No. 4 in the class Order of Merit. To name a few of his classmates, we have AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya, National Security Adviser Roy Golez, Gen. Cesar Garcia, NICA director general, PNP Director General Hermogenes Ebdane, Air Force Chief Lt. Gen. Nestor Santillan, and retired Gen. Roy Cimatu, chief negotiator during the Oakwood crisis.

From the PMA, Willy joined the Philippine Navy where he finished at the top of his class in the Naval Officers' Qualification Course. At the academy, Willy was the first winner of the prestigious Jacobo Zobel award given to the cadet with the best all-around performance in academic, leadership and extra-curricular activities. The award provides the individual with a scholarship in any master's program at a school of his choice, and it was this scholarship which enabled Willy to take up his master's in business management (MBA) at the Asian Institute of Management. In 1977, just a few months after his graduation, I recruited him to serve with me at the Bureau of Customs.

After a few years, he would win the Triple A award, the highest honor that the AIM alumni association bestows on one of its members. And in the same year, he came in a close second to then Olongapo Mayor Dick Gordon as TOYM awardee in the government service category.

On my watch at Customs, Willy did an outstanding job as head of the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Division (CIID), instituting many measures which made life difficult for the smuggling syndicates at the waterfront. After a stint with the Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau (EIIB-since abolished), he was appointed commissioner of the Bureau of Customs by then President Fidel V. Ramos.

After Customs, Willy joined the private sector, serving as president and co-chair of the Lina Group of Companies (Airfreight 21, Corporate Air, Ufreight, E-konek Filipinos), and doing consultancy work for the IMF in places like the Central Asian republics, Argentina, Pakistan, and East Timor.

But going back to his early morning phone call, Willy asked me what I thought about returning to public service. Somehow the words of Lieberman came to mind and I told Willy the best reason for accepting the job is to make a difference. From the news reports we come across these days about the BIR, he has indeed made a difference in the life of our nation.

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'Ding, ang bato!'

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

THERE is a singularly breathtaking moment in "Darna," the opening salvo of Ballet Philippines' 34th season. It occurs early in the first act, when the audience is introduced to Darna, a superheroine who is the transformed and "super-sized" persona of Narda, a young village girl.

As the scene opens, Narda has a dream about the destruction of her village, only to be awakened by the shouts of her brother Ding warning their neighbors of an impending volcanic eruption. To their horror, Ding's grandmother rushes out to the graveyard at the foot of the volcano, digging her own grave and handing to her grandchildren a pebble which, if swallowed, transforms the owner into a superhuman figure. Lava and pyroclastic flow overwhelm the three figures, but rising out of the fiery depths of the volcano is Darna, hauling Ding out of harm's way.

When Darna first makes her appearance, the audience at the CCP erupts into cheers and applause. Maybe the children in the audience—and there were many of them—were genuinely carried away by the fantasy element. But the adults were applauding, too, for the sheer technical and artistic bravura with which the scene is pulled off. You couldn't ask for a more marvelous spectacle from a Broadway or West End production—and they didn't need Mackintosh's millions to stage it!

I was quite taken with the way the eruption was staged. Serving to symbolize both the pyroclastic flow and the volcano was a single white sheet, manipulated by riggers who made the sheet rise and ebb to portray the clouds of volcanic matter threatening to overwhelm the village. As the eruption builds up, depicted by a throbbing red light beneath the sheet that rises steadily in the shape of a volcano, Narda and Ding are drowned then disappear beneath the waves. But in a single burst, out of the rising peak of the volcano's crater, flies Darna in full costume, swinging through the air through the magic of stage rigging. A moment of magic, indeed.

As a friend, who was at last Saturday's performance, exclaimed: "It felt so good to realize that we could do world-class theater on a Filipino theme!"

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AND you couldn't find a more Pinoy story, or superhero, than "Darna."

Conceived in 1950 by prolific *komiks* writer Mars Ravelo, Darna, whose name is derived from the mythical character, the magical "Ibong Adarna," epitomizes the Filipino underdog, in this case portrayed by the orphaned girl Narda. Poor, powerless, unprotected and female, she can rely on neither savior nor patron to rescue her but, with the aid of the magic pebble, can transform herself into a superhero battling an assortment of supervillains.

Darna is so much a part of Filipino pop culture that portraying her onscreen has become a benchmark of stature, if not exactly of artistry, of every local actress aspiring to be counted among the "A-list." Incidentally, portraying Darna has also become a debut of sorts for local actresses seeking to climb out of ingénue status and morph into "mature" stars. Perhaps Darna's costume has something to do with this, since filling out the skimpy two-piece outfit requires a bit of daring and a physique worthy of display.

Cannily, Ballet Philippines feeds on the public's familiarity with and fondness for Darna. A character called DJ Dalang, portrayed alternately by JM Rodriguez and Tim Yap and named after the traditional term for a master puppeteer, serves as the narrator while voicing all the speaking parts except those of the villainess Valentina and her "Boy Toys." Whenever Narda is beleaguered, DJ Dalang rushes out of the wings, holding aloft a comics dialogue "balloon" with the lines: "Ding, *ang bato*!" The line traditionally precedes Narda's transformation into Darna, but in the BP production, it is uttered not by the young village girl but by the audience, who thus becomes part of the action.

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PERHAPS knowing all too well that they were basing their material on a *komiks* novel—popular and enduring, perhaps, but *komiks* still—the creative team behind "Darna" camped up (or down?) the material. Valentina, portrayed by Tex Ordoñez on the night I watched (with Chin-chin Gutierrez alternating), comes across as a cross-dressing virago, shrieking her lines and stumbling across the stage.

And for a dance production, there is little dancing to speak of. And what there is sometimes comes off in jarring contrast to the characters dancing them. There were many moments of unease, for instance, whenever Narda, who was otherwise demure and childlike, started jerking and gyrating in the choreographers' interpretation of distress and emotional disturbance.

Darna herself does little dancing, per se. The role instead calls for posing, suspending one's limbs in mid-air in the appropriate forms. But it does call for a strong stage presence, which Christine Crame (Kris-belle Paclibar alternates) possesses in spades.

Overall, though, "Darna" is that rare event—a breakthrough production. It proves our local artists' ability to employ technical innovations (the riggers were outstanding) using the most creative but cost-effective techniques in the service of a truly Filipino material. Even better, it engages the senses while exploiting the Filipino's sense of the funny, the ridiculous and the absurd.

Among the lowlifes Darna first subdues when she moves to the city are coup plotters. One is hard put deciding which was the more absurd: the *komiks* storyline of a naïve girl-turned-voluptuous superhero, or the reality outside the theater with its cast of characters ranging from messianic young officers to grandstanding politicians. It's enough to make one exclaim: "Ding, *ang bato*!"

A dialogue with mutineers

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

IT could have been just an ordinary interview with a couple of young officers who wanted to talk about corruption in the armed forces. The interview led to a broad exchange on theories of corruption—its origins, the forms it takes, its consequences and solutions. The young officers, among them Navy Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV, had horror stories to tell about the toll in human lives that military corruption takes in the field. I told them what I knew about the complex roots of corruption in modernizing societies like ours.

I did not doubt their sincerity, but as a journalist, I felt I needed more evidence to be able to write about corruption in the military. They promised to show me some proof, and I left it at that. They did not contact me again. I was, of course, fascinated to meet these sharp and highly conscious officers who could speak with passion and conviction about the problems of the country. It did cross my mind that these young soldiers might one day feel compelled to intervene in the political life of the nation. They resonated the frustrations and hopes of my children's generation. As a veteran of two Edsas, I felt old listening to them speak with great urgency about the need to reform our society.

Now that they have come out to proclaim their fears and grievances in the most dramatic way possible, I am hard-pressed to recall what else we talked about over dinner on that cool evening in March. Did I miss anything or misread their message? The other day at a Malacañang press conference, someone gave this brief encounter a conspiratorial spin, and I am now even more concerned to know if I had been an unwitting tool in a plot to overthrow the government.

For the record, I am certain our brief tutorial on corruption did not include plans for a coup or a mutiny. It would have been stupid to hold it in a restaurant. In any case, had I been one of them, I might have done it differently. I would have dramatized the depth of our despair by dropping our firearms and making a bonfire out of them while calling on our superiors to quit and give the country a chance. I have never believed that soldiers, no matter how patriotic and intelligent they are, should be in charge of government. They would have no choice but to be coercive. As a democrat, I oppose military rule. But I also have great sympathy and respect for young Filipinos who can keep their ideals intact in the face of so much bad example and cynicism in our society, and who feel strongly about changing the way we live.

This is why I am saddened by the way we are treating the Oakwood misadventure. A standoff that could have taken a violent and tragic turn has been quickly and peacefully resolved. The core members of the young officers' group have admitted responsibility for a deed that they know is sanctioned under the Articles of War. They will be punished, and they have said it is a price they are willing to pay. It happens to the best of families.

A special commission is looking into the causes of the Oakwood incident, and Congress has launched its own investigation. Under our system, these investigations are themselves going to be media events. The public is curious to know what has driven such bright and outstanding young men in our officer corps, the top performers in their class and military units, to risk their lives and careers by staging a rebellion like this.

The reportage of these investigations will inevitably touch on the corruption in our government and the weaknesses of our political system. If it does not kill the system, it can only strengthen it. Future generations can only profit from the process. But it is not going to be smooth sailing for the present government. This entire episode will test its credibility and legitimacy, and, ultimately, its moral right to remain in office. In a sense, 2004 is already upon us.

It is unfortunate that instead of challenging the Oakwood mutineers to substantiate their grievances with specific and verifiable information, and to respond to these with sobriety, the government is mounting a shrill campaign to destroy the reputation of these young officers. It is doing so by depicting them as worthless pawns of discredited politicians, and by digging up information about their business sidelines to show they are far from being the young selfless idealists that early media accounts have portrayed them to be. This is no different from a parent exposing his son's drug addiction after the latter had accused him of keeping a mistress.

Under pressure and bursting with emotion, the officers have not been the paragon of articulateness in a language that few in our country have mastered in its oral form. Their detractors have also seized upon this to impugn their intelligence, forgetting that our schizophrenic approach to language has bred entire generations of Filipinos who have no firm command of either English or Filipino. Yet, truth is now being tested as communicative competence.

I find it symptomatic of our deep cultural estrangement that the Feliciano Commission should demand that the young officers speak only in English. This is our country, and our principal audience is not the foreign community. Yet, we are asking fellow Filipinos to express their deepest sentiments in a language that is not their own. What kind of people are we?

But of course, by writing this column in a language that the majority of our people cannot read, I too am complicit in a practice that is analogous to corruption itself. Fortunately, our people do not need columnists to tell them whom to believe. A glance at the faces of these young men sitting side by side their political and military elders is probably all they need to determine who is telling the truth.

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Lifestyle check on DND and AFP brass

COMMENTARY

Raul J. Palabrica

FOR what may be the nth time, the government has ordered an investigation of the lifestyle of officials of the Department of National Defense and Armed Forces of the Philippines in response to complaints of massive corruption in the military by the leaders of the July 27 mutiny.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered the creation of a task force that will conduct a lifestyle check similar to what is being undertaken now for the Bureau of Customs, Bureau of Internal Revenue and Department of Public Works and Highways. These three agencies are reputed (and not exactly without reason) to be the most corrupt in the bureaucracy. Diogenes would need a huge reservoir of patience and optimism if he brings his proverbial search for the honest man to any of those offices.

The President may do better than her predecessors in cracking down on incumbent and retired defense and military officials who have taken advantage of their positions to enrich themselves at the expense of the taxpayers and the interests of the soldiers in the field.

It is no secret that many of the military's top brass own posh houses in exclusive subdivisions in Metro Manila and resort areas. These properties are in addition to, among others, luxurious cars and memberships in golf clubs that only the ultra-rich can legitimately afford.

Understandably, President Ferdinand Marcos turned a blind eye to reports and complaints about the unexplained wealth of military generals during the martial law years. His continued stay in power depended on the support and cooperation of the military. He needed the soldiers' guns to coerce the civilians into submission to his authoritarian rule.

Inaction

President Cory Aquino found herself in the same boat, although for a different reason. The stability of her administration was threatened by coup attempts that made her political survival dependent on the backing of loyal segments of the AFP. Ridding the military hierarchy of graft and corruption wouldn't have sat well with the generals around her.

Neither was President Fidel Ramos keen on rocking the boat. He would be among the last persons in the world to put in a bad light the organization he had worked for for decades. Besides, many of the military officials who helped themselves to the AFP's coffers were, at one time or another, either his superior, subordinate or colleague in the service.

In contrast, President Joseph Estrada was not beholden to the military like his predecessors. He appointed a real civilian, not a recycled retired military official, in the person of former Sen. Orlando Mercado, to head the defense department. Unfortunately, Mercado's initial attempt to clean up the Augean stables in Camp Aguinaldo—getting rid of the officials who made the AFP Retirement and Separation Benefit System their milking cow—met stiff resistance from the affected generals.

The pension fund was close to bankruptcy in 1998 because of its purchases of real estate properties at inflated prices (with the hefty commissions going to the officials who brokered the sale) and the grant of huge unsecured loans to incumbent and about-to-retire generals.

Coup threat

In trying to restore the RSBS back to financial health, Mercado stepped on some sensitive toes with violent temper. He had to take on additional bodyguards to protect his life. The rogue generals dropped hints about staging a coup d'etat to protest what they described as "demoralizing" effects of his actions.

Mercado had to backtrack on his aggressive sanitizing efforts. The corrupt military officials were able to enjoy their loot without fear of exposure or prosecution. It was "business as usual" for a military that Marcos pampered to perpetuate himself in power.

Although President Macapagal owes, in part, her ascent to Malacañang to the support of the then top brass of the DND and AFP, the July 27 incident has given her the opportunity to be forceful in addressing the problem of corruption in the military. Two things are going for her in this endeavor: First, the public's favorable reaction to the mutineers' grievances about the mishandling of AFP funds by higher officials; second, she can count on the support of the junior officers who have direct control over the foot soldiers needed to successfully stage a coup.

The generals who may be adversely affected by the lifestyle check have to think twice about raising the coup threat that worked well during the Aquino and Estrada administrations to discourage the President from making serious her plan to stamp out corruption in the military. It will sound hollow.

With majority of the company-grade officials sympathetic to the announced cause of the July 27 mutiny, where will the corrupt generals get the warm bodies that can make the coup threat credible enough to make the President sit up and pay attention?

Wide support

Even if they are able to muster support from their commands, there is no guarantee that if they succeed, their junior officers will not seize power from them later. In the history of coups, most of the generals who grabbed power from the civilian authority were subsequently displaced by their ambitious next-in-rank officials.

The President should not squander this golden opportunity to cure an illness that has plagued the military since Marcos brought the genie out of the bottle. The corrupt DND and AFP officials are in the ropes, so to speak. They have been put on the defensive by the public outcry that resulted from the July 27 mutiny.

No new laws are needed to enable the President to effectively bear down on corrupt military officials. There are enough provisions in the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act that the government can invoke to justify putting the military rascals behind bars for the rest of their lives. Hopefully, Congress will not poke its meddlesome fingers (again!) into this matter and conduct an investigation in aid of media exposure.

It cannot be discounted that the cleansing process may adversely affect some of the military officials close to the President or to whom she owes a "debt of gratitude." If she has the resolve and political will to make good her promise to compel the top brass to set the example in clean and honest living, those personal considerations should be the least of her concerns.

She has to seize the day because the chance may not come again.

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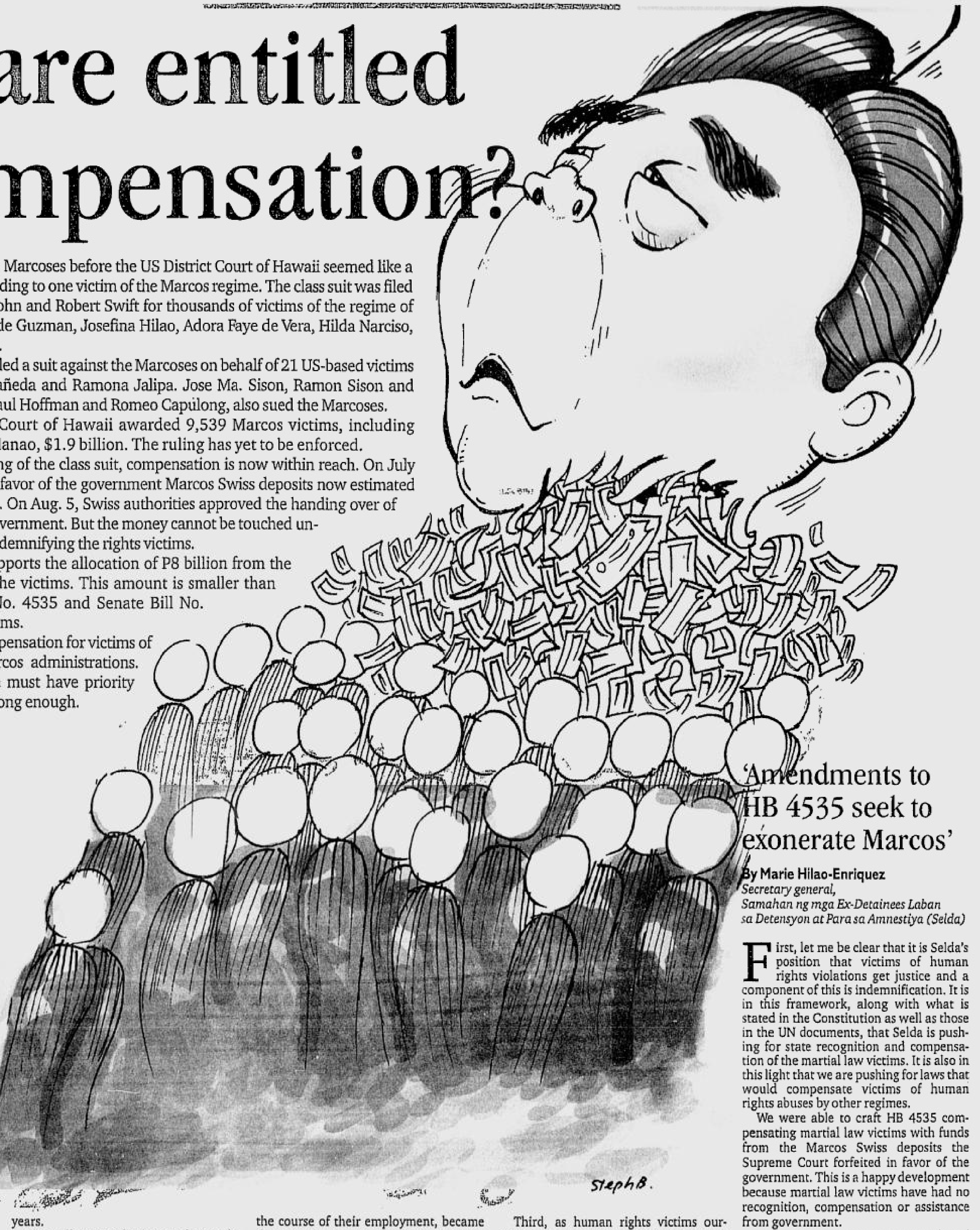
Who are entitled to compensation?



FILING a class suit against the Marcoses before the US District Court of Hawaii seemed like a long shot in April 1986 according to one victim of the Marcos regime. The class suit was filed by Joe Mari Velez, Harold Kohn and Robert Swift for thousands of victims of the regime of Ferdinand Marcos such as Gerry P. de Guzman, Josefina Hilao, Adora Faye de Vera, Hilda Narciso, Dan Vizmanos and Agapita Trajano.

Melvin Belli and Randy Scarlett filed a suit against the Marcoses on behalf of 21 US-based victims such as Gerry Socco, Ramon Castañeda and Ramona Jalipa. Jose Ma. Sison, Ramon Sison and Jaime Piopongco, represented by Paul Hoffman and Romeo Capülong, also sued the Marcoses.

Then in 1994, the US District Court of Hawaii awarded 9,539 Marcos victims, including more than 2,000 Muslims in Mindanao, $1.9 billion. The ruling has yet to be enforced.

Almost two decades after the filing of the class suit, compensation is now within reach. On July 15, the Supreme Court forfeited in favor of the government Marcos Swiss deposits now estimated at $683 million (about P38 billion). On Aug. 5, Swiss authorities approved the handing over of the Marcos loot to the Philippine government. But the money cannot be touched unless the government passes a law indemnifying the rights victims.

President Macapagal-Arroyo supports the allocation of P8 billion from the P38 billion as compensation for the victims. This amount is smaller than the P10 billion that House Bill No. 4535 and Senate Bill No. 1877 want to set aside for the victims.

Some legislators are seeking compensation for victims of human rights abuses by post-Marcos administrations. The victims of the Marcos regime must have priority over the others. They have waited long enough.

'All victims are entitled to compensation'

By Purificacion C. Valera Quisumbing
Chair, Commission on Human Rights

The Constitution is clear that all victims of human rights violations are entitled to effective redress of their grievances and should be given justice, including compensation.

The Commission on Human Rights is mandated to monitor the government's compliance with its obligations under the Constitution. The country also has obligations under the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Convention Against Torture.

As a policy, the CHR believes that all victims of human rights must receive adequate compensation, wherever the sources of funds may be.

As far as the Marcos ill-gotten wealth is concerned, Congress will make the decision on who will receive compensation. But the CHR position is that the claimants, who participated in the class suit decided in a Honolulu court, must be compensated by these funds. Another group of Marcos human rights victims, who are not listed in the Honolulu class suit, but are officially registered, must also receive compensation from this money.

The victims of human rights violations during the Marcos regime must be the priority. Congress is considering others because of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law, which says that all recovered Marcos loot go to land reform. But as far as the CHR is concerned, we will continue to assert our position that the victims of Marcos be compensated now and that Congress allocate funds for the adequate compensation of all human rights victims, not only from the Marcos money.

Once the bill becomes a law, the CHR shall be vigilant in drafting the implementing rules and regulations. It shall also fulfill whatever role the proposed bill assigns to it.

Justice should be done in a timely fashion. These victims have waited long enough. They should receive the justice they deserve within their lifetime. *(Interview by Armin Adina)*

'Post-Edsa gov'ts didn't use wholesale brutality'

By Sen. Joker P. Arroyo
Chair, Senate blue ribbon committee and sponsor of Senate Bill No. 1877

Filipinos suffered untold oppression and atrocities during three separate periods in our history. The first was during the three and a half centuries of Spanish colonization. The second was during the four years of Japanese occupation in World War II. The third was during martial law and the dictatorship of President Ferdinand Marcos that lasted for 14 years.

The suffering and injustice during the Spanish and the Japanese times were inflicted by hostile powers on Filipinos. The abuses of the Marcos dictatorship were inflicted by Filipinos against Filipinos.

Senate Bill No. 1877 seeks to recognize and/or compensate human rights victims from Sept. 21, 1972 when Marcos imposed martial law up to Feb. 25, 1986 when he fled the country.

Why confine it to that period?

That period of history was characterized and dominated by a deep conflict between the Marcos political and military apparatchik and the opposition, composed of both the underground and the legal opposition that sought to resist that domination. The resistance was met by the organized forces of the state, i.e., the military and the system of oppressive laws designed to counter its strength and effectiveness. The casualty of this conflict was our fundamental human rights.

Violation of human rights in any era is as old as police brutality. No government or country, even the most libertarian or enlightened, is immune to that. But it is not state policy. It is condemned whenever exposed.

Marcos' martial rule was something else. Up to its end, it never acknowledged the existence of human rights violations. On the contrary, he consistently denied that it happened. He dismissed them as part of the communist propaganda to discredit his regime. Thus, no one was ever convicted during that period.

The State holds the monopoly of the legal use of coercive powers through its laws and the military for the protection of its people and territory and in pursuit of law and order. That is the sovereign mandate of the state policy, albeit unstated.

The systematic pattern of abuse that resulted in the gross violation of human rights perpetrated by the servants of the State (the military) was the result of deliberate planning, employing the resources of the state to achieve Marcos' design. The army and the police, acting in the course of their employment, became the agencies of terror and the instruments of oppression.

The Spanish conquistadores and the Japanese occupation forces and Mr. Marcos' martial rule employed brutality to suppress dissent. The post Edsa administrations of Presidents Aquino, Ramos, Estrada and Macapagal-Arroyo did not and have not used wholesale brutality to stay in power.

'We cannot be selfish'

By Ramon C. Casiple
Secretary general, Claimants 1081

Claimants 1081, in its 2nd National Conference on Aug. 2-3, agreed to the proposal to expand the coverage of House Bill No. 4535, the Human Rights Compensation Bill, to include human rights victims under succeeding regimes after Marcos.

First, HB 4535 declares explicitly as its basis the human rights provisions of the Constitution. These provisions enjoin the State to compensate all human rights victims. The bill also takes note of the adherence of the republic to international human rights instruments-all of which underscore the universality of human rights.

Second, we recognize the unique character of the Marcos dictatorship as a gross violator of human rights and the fact that human rights violations are a matter of state policy of this dictatorship. However, human rights violations have continued.

These may have happened as a result of remnants of the dictatorship or as a result of these regimes' own predilection for human rights violations. What is important, however, is that these violations should never have happened at all. Expanding the coverage delivers the powerful message that the State will no longer tolerate human rights violations by its agents.

Third, as human rights victims ourselves, we cannot but identify with fellow victims, whoever the perpetrator is. A victim is a victim.

Fourth, we see HB 4535 as a unique opportunity to address positively the whole issue of compensation of human rights victims. There is popular support for the bill among congressmen-a good possibility exists for extending the coverage. This was not the case before in the previous congresses.

HB 4535 recognizes the final and executory judgment rendered by the US Federal Court of Hawaii regarding the Marcos class suit. It also takes note of the decision of the Swiss Federal Supreme Court enjoining the Philippine government to compensate the class claimants as its obligation under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention Against Torture.

Finally, it implicitly recognizes the 1999 settlement agreement on the Marcos class suit pegging the reasonable settlement amount at $150 million plus interest. The amount now has grown to more than $200 million.

The State, through HB 4535 and a similar indemnification bill in the Senate, has recognized its own responsibility for the Marcos human rights violations, apart from the personal responsibility of the dictator Marcos. We support the passage of these bills.

It is only fair that the Marcos human rights victim-claimants are indemnified directly from these Marcos assets. Their 17-year struggle has been long and arduous. Many have died and fallen ill. Most are poor peasants who still have to have their own land. Martial law denied them their dreams and, for a significant number, their lives.

At this time, when some relief from our ordeal is in sight, we cannot be selfish and think only of ourselves. We have to think of others who similarly suffered, with their families, the anguish of becoming victims of State violation of their human rights. We support the establishment of a permanent, budgeted compensation fund for other human rights victims. If this can be accommodated in HB 4535, so be it.

'Amendments to HB 4535 seek to exonerate Marcos'

By Marie Hilao-Enriquez
Secretary general,
Samahan ng mga Ex-Detainees Laban sa Detensyon at Para sa Amnestiya (Selda)

First, let me be clear that it is Selda's position that victims of human rights violations get justice and a component of this is indemnification. It is in this framework, along with what is stated in the Constitution as well as those in the UN documents, that Selda is pushing for state recognition and compensation of the martial law victims. It is also in this light that we are pushing for laws that would compensate victims of human rights abuses by other regimes.

We were able to craft HB 4535 compensating martial law victims with funds from the Marcos Swiss deposits the Supreme Court forfeited in favor of the government. This is a happy development because martial law victims have had no recognition, compensation or assistance from government.

We also supported HB 2192, authored by Rep. Oscar Rodriguez, seeking to compensate victims of human rights violations under other regimes. Yearly, the Commission on Human Rights gets a budget meant for assistance to rights victims since the time of President Corazon Aquino.

Sadly, Rep. Etta Rosales, as well as the Marcos bloc headed by Rep. Imee Marcos, seeks to water down HB 4535 by introducing amendments that would cover victims of human rights abuses by the post-Marcos regimes.

At first glance, Representatives Rosales and Marcos look magnanimous by including other victims in the bill. But upon closer scrutiny of the amended version the two are pushing, one finds that the amendments seek to exonerate Ferdinand Marcos from his crimes against humanity— torture, summary execution and forced disappearance of thousands of Filipinos during martial law.

The amendments will also remove state recognition of the heroic struggle of the victims during the dark years of martial law. This is why we are opposing the amendments to HB 4535 that seek to cover a "generic" group of victims.

I don't understand why Rosales keeps on saying that other victims be considered in HB 4535 while she very well knows that HB 2192, which seeks reparation for human rights violations victims in general, has been passed by the committee she heads.

Does she and Representative Marcos have an agreement we victims do not know about? It must be recalled that Rosales and her group, Claimants 1081, supported the $150-million settlement agreement that our lawyer, Robert Swift, entered into with the Marcos family in 1998.

Had this settlement prospered, the $683-million escrow account of the Marcoses will not be returned to the Filipino people. The settlement also stipulated that Marcos did not commit human rights violations during martial law.

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Probe launched as NYC lights up again

NEW YORK—New Yorkers enjoyed the return of electric power to their city on Saturday as the United States and Canada tried to find out what caused the worst blackout in North American history.

A day after the lights went out in the Northeastern United States and the Canadian province of Ontario, the White House announced a cross-border task force on the crisis that plunged as many as 50 million people into darkness.

"We need to take a look at what went wrong, analyze the problem and come up with a solution. We don't know yet what went wrong but we will," US President George W. Bush said during a visit to California.

"I view it as a wake-up call," the president told reporters, describing the blackout as "an indication we need to modernize the electricity grid."

Bush, who discussed the crisis for the first time with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, said investigators must find out why outages spread so quickly to New York, Detroit, Cleveland, Ottawa, Toronto and a host of smaller cities.

Chretien had suggested earlier that the cause of the power collapse lay in the United States, but some US utility officials insisted the problem started in Canada.

As night fell across the Manhattan skyline on Friday, lights shone from the Empire State Building, Times Square reclaimed its garish neon luster and Broadway theaters opened for a full schedule of performances.

PEOPLE walk under the bright lights of Times Square in New York, Aug. 15, after power returned to the city. AP

The New York Mets played baseball at Shea Stadium, but the city's subways, a mainstay of life for 7 million commuters, were not expected to resume service until early on Saturday morning.

"We are getting there," said Mayor Michael Bloomberg, applauding the 8 million New York residents for their efforts to get by without electricity and air conditioning in sweltering temperatures.

"It tells you something about New Yorkers," he said.

While officials were still unable to explain exactly what caused such a rapid collapse in the power grid, Americans expressed relief that they had not been the victims of a terrorist act.

US Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said there was "no evidence it was an intentional act."

Emergency procedures designed to evacuate people from subways and elevators worked well. People took the inconvenience with good humor and law and order prevailed in most places.

Police in Ottawa reported some looting and also attributed two deaths to the outage. New York reported only one death, a 40-year-old woman who died of a heat-related heart attack during a building evacuation.

Telephone systems slowly began returning to normal, but there were still difficulties, particularly on wireless networks. Banks worked to reopen branches and automatic teller machines.

Stranded commuters spent the night in their offices or on the streets, and thousands of frustrated travelers were trapped at New York's three main airports as airlines were forced to cancel hundreds of flights.

In Washington, the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee said it would convene hearings on the blackout when Congress returned next month from its summer break.

New York Gov. George Pataki said he wanted to know why the system crashed so catastrophically.

"How did this happen, why did it happen and why did we have a systemic failure across the power grid in the Northeast when we were told after the blackout in the 1960s that this would not happen again?" Pataki said.

Procedures put in place after a huge blackout in 1965 failed to isolate breakdowns to small areas of the country. *Reuters*

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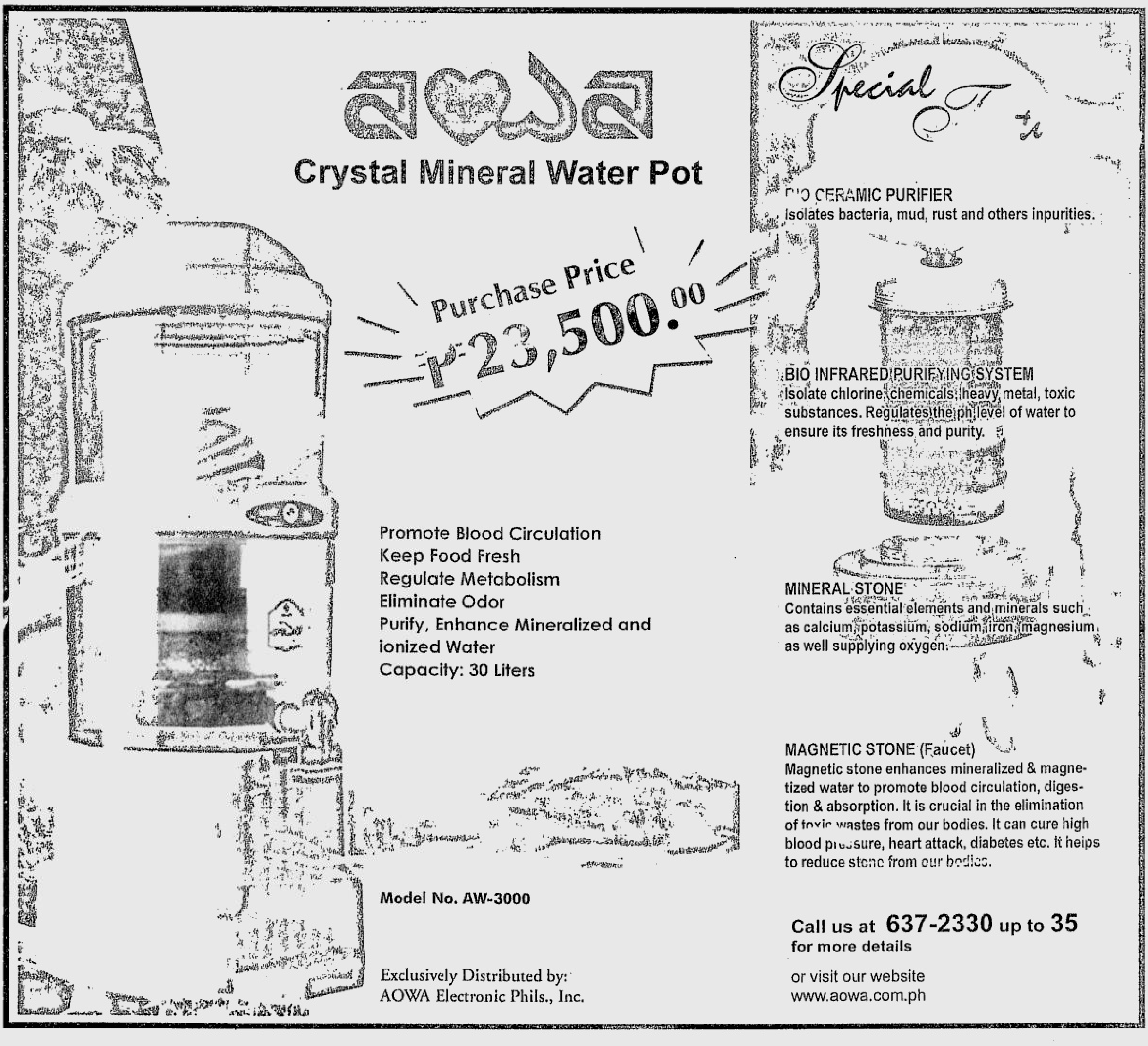

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Hambali was planning attack in Thailand before arrest–PM

BANGKOK—Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said Saturday that alleged terrorist mastermind Hambali, who was arrested in Thailand this week, had been planning some kind of action while in the kingdom.

"We arrested two or three suspects before we managed to arrest Hambali... Intelligence gathering clearly showed that they were planning to do something which I do not want to elaborate on," Thaksin said in a weekly radio address.

Washington announced Thursday that Hambali, Asia's most wanted man and the alleged architect of last October's Bali bombings, had been captured and was in US custody.

Thaksin said Hambali was undergoing interrogation by allied countries in a secret location, while other officials confirmed he had been arrested Monday in the central city of Ayutthaya.

But the premier declined to confirm reports that Hambali had been planning an attack against October's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit in Bangkok which will bring together 21 leaders including US President George W. Bush.

"Originally I didn't want to speak in any detail because the interrogation is still going on and I want the results of the interrogation to lead to more arrests," he said.

The Nation newspaper reported that Hambali was arrested with explosives and weapons to be used in an attack during the Apec summit. Thai police have already arrested four Thai Muslims over an alleged Apec bomb plot.

INDONESIAN employees of PT Rabobank Duta Indonesia lay flowers beside a picture of the Dutch president of the company Hans Winkelmolen, who was killed in the Marriott Hotel bombing, near the bomb site in Jakarta on Aug. 14. Indonesian police on Thursday linked suspected Jemaah Islamiyah mastermind Hambali to the bombing. REUTERS

A US official in Washington said Thursday that Hambali earlier this year received a "large sum of money for a major attack" from a leader of the international al-Qaida terror network in Pakistan.

The official would not say whether that attack was thwarted or still in the planning stages, but he said Hambali would be interrogated as "part of ongoing efforts to neutralize the threat."

Thaksin also said authorities had been alerted to money transfers by Hambali during his stay in Thailand, but they were unable to investigate in detail due to a lack of legislation.

"We detected irregularities to do with money transferrals but we could not do anything as we lacked the laws to tackle them," he said.

Hambali's current location is being kept a closely guarded secret.

Thai Defense Minister Thamarak Issarangkun Na Ayutthaya said Friday that Hambali and his wife were extradited to Indonesia on Wednesday in an operation conducted "with the cooperation of many countries."

But Indonesian Police chief General Dai Bachtiar insisted Hambali was still "in another country" and had not yet been taken to Indonesia, where he is wanted for a string of attacks including the Bali blasts which killed 202 people.

Hambali, a top leader of regional terror network Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), is also wanted in Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines. *AP*

Idi Amin, despot who shocked the world, dies

KAMPALA—Former dictator Idi Amin, blamed for the murder of tens of thousands of Ugandans in the 1970s, died on Saturday in a Saudi hospital where he had been critically ill for weeks, a senior medical source said.

IDI AMIN while president of Uganda on Jan. 25, 1978. AP

"We can confirm that Mr. Idi Amin has died from complications due to multiple organ failure," the source at King Faisal Specialist Hospital in the Red Sea city of Jeddah.

The Ugandan Embassy in the kingdom would not comment on Amin's death, referring all queries to his family.

Amin, one of the bloodiest despots in Africa, has been living in exile, chiefly in Saudi Arabia, since being ousted from Uganda in 1979. He was in his late 70s.

Amin, a one-time army boxing champion who became one of Africa's bloodiest despots, ruled Uganda for eight years with a whimsical savagery that shocked and revolted the world.

Exiles accused him of keeping severed heads in the fridge, feeding corpses to crocodiles and having one of his wives murdered and dismembered. Some said he practiced cannibalism.

A man who expressed admiration for Adolf Hitler, Amin was denounced inside and outside Africa for massacring tens of thousands of people—some estimates say more than 100,000.

He was driven from power in 1979 by forces from neighboring Tanzania and Ugandan exiles, and lived out the rest of his life in relative comfort with his wives and children in Saudi Arabia.

A large and imposing figure who reveled in publicity, Amin was a malevolent clown whose eccentric behavior created the image of a buffoon given to erratic outbursts and bloodlust.

He declared himself king of Scotland, banned hippies and miniskirts, and appeared at a royal Saudi Arabian funeral in 1975 wearing a kilt. But he was a ruthless dictator who, the International Commission of Jurists said in 1977, had violated every fundamental human right during a "reign of terror."

Amin seized power in a 1971 coup while then-president Milton Obote was abroad and embarked on a brutal purge of army officers from tribes Amin thought loyal to Obote.

A year later Amin expelled some 40,000 Asians, saying God had told him to transform Uganda into "a black man's country."

He sent a telegram to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim the same year, saying: "Germany was the right place when Hitler was Prime Minister (Chancellor) and Supreme Commander. He burnt over six million Jews."

In 1976, Israel said he helped pro-Palestinian hijackers of a French airliner that landed at Entebbe airport with more than 100 hostages, mostly Jews. An Israeli commando raid freed the hostages, humiliating Amin and adding to his reputation as a tragicomic figure.

A former Amin minister said in 1987 that a British Jew, Dora Bloch, a grandmother who was released early by the hijackers for medical treatment, was dragged from her hospital bed after the Entebbe raid and murdered by two of Amin's army officers.

Idi Amin Dada was born in 1925, according to most sources, to a peasant family of the small, predominantly Muslim Kakwa tribe at Arua, in Uganda's remote West Nile district. As a teenager, he joined the British-officered King's African Rifles and campaigned with his battalion in Kenya against the Mau Mau insurrection.

Amin, army heavyweight boxing champion for nine years, held the rank of captain when British rule ended in Uganda in 1962.

He seized power on January 25, 1971, and promoted himself to field marshal, awarding himself several World War Two medals. *Reuters*

Captured al-Qaida militant led police to Hambali

BANGKOK—A captured senior operative of the al Qaida-linked Asian militant group Jemaah Islamiyah led police to the capture of Hambali, suspected mastermind behind a series of bombings in Southeast Asia, a Thai security source said on Saturday.

He said the man called Zubair, nabbed in a Thai-CIA sting in southern Thailand last month, had given interrogators the information police needed to track Hambali to an apartment in Ayutthaya, 80 km north of Bangkok, and arrest him.

"The arrest of Hambali resulted from information Zubair gave under interrogation," said the source, who asked not to be identified.

Hambali, wanted in connection with the Bali bombings that killed 202 people last year and other attacks in Indonesia and the Philippines, was handed over to the United States and flown out of Thailand on Wednesday to an undisclosed location, senior Thai officials said.

Hambali, thought to be the JI operations chief and the only man from Southeast Asia to sit on al Qaida's military committee, had entered Thailand from Laos on a fake Spanish passport, Thai officials said.

The security source said the passport was produced by Thais, but they were only interested in the money and were not supporters of JI, which intelligence agencies describe as the Asia branch of al Qaeda, blamed for the 2001 September 11 attacks on New York and Washington.

In Jakarta, Indonesian police said on Saturday they had arrested a number of people in connection with the Aug. 5 bombing of the JW Marriott Hotel, which killed 12 people and wounded 150.

"Yes, we have made arrests," national police chief General Da'i Bachtiar told reporters, but he declined to say when the arrests took place or how many people had been detained. *Reuters*

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Wacky California recall election now a game show

LOS ANGELES—It looks like a game show, it sounds like a game show, and now California's eccentric recall election really is a television game show, starring five of the wackier candidates running for governor.

Onetime "Diff'rent Strokes" child star Gary Coleman, 35, and porn actress Mary Carey, 22, will be among five colorful gubernatorial candidates appearing on "Who Wants To Be Governor of California? The Debating Game."

The Game Show Network on Friday revealed that they had picked the pair from among 135 candidates running for the troubled state's top job to hold a lively on-air debate ahead of the Oct. 7 polls.

The channel said it was proud that it would have Arnold debating the issues—Coleman's character of Arnold from "Strokes," not superstar candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"'Who Wants To Be Governor of California?' is the first ever political debate to be presented in a game show format," said the channel's Rich Cronin. "It will be more fun than the old fashioned, boring debates."

Announcing the line-up for the broadcast, which will climax in a televised debate on October 1, just a week ahead of the polls, Cronin said the other three candidates would be picked from the lively field of contenders over the coming weeks.

The show will contribute $21,200 toward the candidate that leads the pack in an online opinion poll.

ACTOR Gary Coleman (left) and adult film actress Mary Carey, both candidates for governor of California in the Oct. 7 recall election, pose together at a Game Show network press conference in Los Angeles, Aug. 15. REUTERS

"I definitely am a master debater," said adult movie actress Carey, who wants to tax breast implants and give tax breaks on lap dancing if she wins the polls. *AFP*

Grandson: Lindbergh could be father of 3 Germans

BERLIN—An American grandson of Charles Lindbergh said on Friday it was possible three Germans who say the aviator was their father were telling the truth because in photographs they "look hauntingly familiar."

Morgan Lindbergh, 36, said in a telephone call to Reuters that he wanted to take the Germans up on their offer to submit to DNA tests to resolve the question of whether Lindbergh was their father and that he would also take a DNA test himself.

"I'm not speaking for the Lindbergh family but only for myself—I believe it is possible (they are Lindbergh children)," said Morgan Lindbergh, whose father Jon, 71, was the second child of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

"They look hauntingly familiar," he said when asked about the photographs of the three Germans, aged 36 to 45, taken at a news conference in Munich on Thursday. The Germans told reporters they were willing to submit to genetic testing.

"I would like to have this go forward with DNA testing," he added in a telephone interview from his home in Olympia, Washington state. "I would like to, as soon as possible, confirm that or find out the truth. They say they are willing to take DNA tests. I'd be willing to do one in response to compare it."

Charles Lindbergh, the Germans said, led a secretive dual life, raising a clandestine family with a young German woman in Munich for 17 years even though he was married and had six children with his wife in Connecticut. Their first child, a boy, was famously murdered as a baby in 1932.

Dyrk Hesshaimer, 45, Astrid Bouteuil, 42, and David Hesshaimer, 36, said they went public with the family secret now, two years after their mother died, only because they wanted to be recognized as Lindbergh's children—and erase a blemish of having "father unknown" on their birth certificates. *Reuters*

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GMA tells Army to step up Al-Ghozi hunt

COTABATO CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo came over and proceeded by helicopter to Kabuntalan, Maguindanao where a military manhunt against fugitive Indonesian bomber Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi has been taking place during the past few days.

But the operation has not yielded a positive result despite the military's claim that it was positive Al-Ghozi and his fellow fugitive, Abu Sayyaf member Opik Lasal, were seen in Barangay Balong in the said town.

The village, where the self-confessed operative of the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) was allegedly sighted, forms part of the Liguasan Marsh, a Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) area.

Although Al-Ghozi has yet to be arrested, Ms Macapagal said she believes the military operation was on track.

She issued the statement after the military presented to her various high-powered firearms, including rocket propelled grenade launchers, three RPG shells and assorted ammunition, which were allegedly recovered from the fleeing protectors of Al-Ghozi.

"I want the hunt to continue without let up until Al-Ghozi is recaptured for us to win in our terrorism fight in southern Philippines," she said after attending a 30-minute military briefing presented by Maj. Gen. Generoso Senga, commander of the Army's 6th Infantry Division.

PRESIDENT Macapagal inspects ammunition and military hardware seized from the Moro Islamic Liberation Front during her visit to Kabuntalan, Maguindanao.
EDWIN BACASMAS/PDI PHOTO

Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Roy Kyamko also attended the briefing.

In an apparent effort to boost the morale of the soldiers involved in the manhunt, President Macapagal yesterday awarded gold cross medals for each of the four soldiers, who captured Abdulmukim Ong Edris in Sultan Naga Dimaporo on Aug. 7.

The soldiers were Capt. Paulo Perez, technical sergeants Alexander de los Santos, Juvito de los Reyes and Angel Abariel, all of the Army's 1st Infantry Division.

"I thank and congratulate the military, especially those who received awards, for putting a dragnet in capturing fugitive Edris. Here in Kabuntalan, we can see our soldiers doing their job quietly," the President said.

Ms Macapagal said she was hoping the MILF would cooperate in the military's manhunt.

Earlier, MILF chair Ebrahim Murad reiterated his group's willingness to help in tracking down Al-Ghozi.

Murad said MILF commanders had been ordered to find and arrest Al-Ghozi so he could be turned over to the government.

But Al-Ghozi's reported presence in Kabuntalan turned out to be negative according to MILF officials.

MILF vice chair for political affairs Ghadzali Jaafar admitted they received information about the presence of a man in the said town "whose looks could be confused with that of Al-Ghozi."

"The said man was also a fugitive but he was involved in drugs, not bombs. He is a Maguindanaoan, not an Indonesian," Jaafar said.

Jaafar said what could have boosted the military's belief that the Maguindanaoan was Al-Ghozi, was the fact that he also assumed the name of the Indonesian bomber.

"This is something funny but that is the report we got," he said.

Meanwhile, some reports said Al-Ghozi had long been in the custody of the MILF and that the fugitive Indon would be used as a leverage when the peace talks resume.

Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, denied the report and said this could be part of the military's desperate attempt to justify the operation in Maguindanao and in Lanao del Norte. *Rosa-May de Guzman with reports by Edwin Fernandez and Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

5-MINUTE HEIST

12 armed men rob Land Bank Cebu branch of ₱10M

By Kathy I. Navarro
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—About a dozen masked men armed with high-powered firearms barged into the Land Bank of the Philippines main branch on P. del Rosario Street here early Friday night and fled with more than P10 million in the daring five-minute bank heist.

The heist occurred during rush hour at a busy area when students from nearby University of San Carlos had just come from classes, and churchgoers were either coming from or going to the Sto. Rosario Parish Church, which adjoins the bank.

Police later arrested the driver of the getaway vehicle, identified as Lito Dungog of Lapulapu City, as he was about to leave the van that he was abandoning inside an apartment compound along Sepulveda Street, located a few kilometers from the bank.

Dungog was caught disembarking from the getaway vehicle, a gray Hyundai Grand Saloon with temporary plate number 7C-DP-160, at a dead end portion of the compound. Police found inside the van cellular phones and dismantled M-16 rifle parts.

Bank employees were counting bills, ready to place these in a vault when the armed men wearing bonnet masks broke into the bank at 6:20 p.m.

Less than five minutes after they entered the bank, the robbers came out bringing several sacks and a plastic tray believed to contain the money.

The robbers entered the bank through its rear entrance adjoining the Sto. Rosario Church. The first two robbers held, beat up and disarmed the security guard, Braulio Saranillo, who was positioned at the employees' entrance at the back.

Saranillo said he was taken by surprise by the robbers because a man, around 21 years old, had approached him to ask if he could still get inside the bank to get his ATM card.

He said it was while they were talking that the gray Hyundai Grand Saloon van suddenly arrived and the armed suspects rushed inside the bank.

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GMA tells Army to step up Al-Ghozi hunt

COTABATO CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo came over and proceeded by helicopter to Kabuntalan, Maguindanao where a military manhunt against fugitive Indonesian bomber Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi has been taking place during the past few days.

But the operation has not yielded a positive result despite the military's claim that it was positive Al-Ghozi and his fellow fugitive, Abu Sayyaf member Opik Lasal, were seen in Barangay Balong in the said town.

The village, where the self-confessed operative of the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) was allegedly sighted, forms part of the Liguasan Marsh, a Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) area.

Although Al-Ghozi has yet to be arrested, Ms Macapagal said she believes the military operation was on track.

She issued the statement after the military presented to her various high-powered firearms, including rocket propelled grenade launchers, three RPG shells and assorted ammunition, which were allegedly recovered from the fleeing protectors of Al-Ghozi.

"I want the hunt to continue without let up until Al-Ghozi is recaptured for us to win in our terrorism fight in southern Philippines," she said after attending a 30-minute military briefing presented by Maj. Gen. Generoso Senga, commander of the Army's 6th Infantry Division.

PRESIDENT Macapagal inspects ammunition and military hardware seized from the Moro Islamic Liberation Front during her visit to Kabuntalan, Maguindanao.

EDWIN BACASMAS/PDI PHOTO

Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Roy Kyamko also attended the briefing.

In an apparent effort to boost the morale of the soldiers involved in the manhunt, President Macapagal yesterday awarded gold cross medals for each of the four soldiers, who captured Abdulmukim Ong Edris in Sultan Naga Dimaporo on Aug. 7.

The soldiers were Capt. Paulo Perez, technical sergeants Alexander de los Santos, Juvito de los Reyes and Angel Abariel, all of the Army's 1st Infantry Division.

"I thank and congratulate the military, especially those who received awards, for putting a dragnet in capturing fugitive Edris. Here in Kabuntalan, we can see our soldiers doing their job quietly," the President said.

Ms Macapagal said she was hoping the MILF would cooperate in the military's manhunt.

Earlier, MILF chair Ebrahim Murad reiterated his group's willingness to help in tracking down Al-Ghozi.

Murad said MILF commanders had been ordered to find and arrest Al-Ghozi so he could be turned over to the government.

But Al-Ghozi's reported presence in Kabuntalan turned out to be negative according to MILF officials.

MILF vice chair for political affairs Ghadzali Jaafar admitted they received information about the presence of a man in the said town "whose looks could be confused with that of Al-Ghozi."

"The said man was also a fugitive but he was involved in drugs, not bombs. He is a Maguindanaoan, not an Indonesian," Jaafar said.

Jaafar said what could have boosted the military's belief that the Maguindanaoan was Al-Ghozi, was the fact that he also assumed the name of the Indonesian bomber.

"This is something funny but that is the report we got," he said.

Meanwhile, some reports said Al-Ghozi had long been in the custody of the MILF and that the fugitive Indon would be used as a leverage when the peace talks resume.

Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, denied the report and said this could be part of the military's desperate attempt to justify the operation in Maguindanao and in Lanao del Norte. *Rosa-May de Guzman with reports by Edwin Fernandez and Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

5-MINUTE HEIST

12 armed men rob Land Bank Cebu branch of ₱10M

By Kathy I. Navarro
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—About a dozen masked men armed with high-powered firearms barged into the Land Bank of the Philippines main branch on P. del Rosario Street here early Friday night and fled with more than P10 million in the daring five-minute bank heist.

The heist occurred during rush hour at a busy area when students from nearby University of San Carlos had just come from classes, and churchgoers were either coming from or going to the Sto. Rosario Parish Church, which adjoins the bank.

Police later arrested the driver of the getaway vehicle, identified as Lito Dungog of Lapulapu City, as he was about to leave the van that he was abandoning inside an apartment compound along Sepulveda Street, located a few kilometers from the bank.

Dungog was caught disembarking from the getaway vehicle, a gray Hyundai Grand Saloon with temporary plate number 7C-DP-160, at a dead end portion of the compound. Police found inside the van cellular phones and dismantled M-16 rifle parts.

Bank employees were counting bills, ready to place these in a vault when the armed men wearing bonnet masks broke into the bank at 6:20 p.m.

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By Nestor P. Burgos Jr., *PDI Visayas Bureau*

ILOILO CITY—The controversial plan to put up a casino on Boracay Island is dead.

President Macapagal-Arroyo said she disapproved the project of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) to put up a casino at Club Panoly, a high-end resort in a secluded area in Barangay Yapak, one of three villages comprising Boracay Island.

"I'm against the casino (on Boracay)," the President told reporters on Thursday during the ground-breaking ceremony of the 40-megawatt power plant project at the Panay Power Corp. plant in La Paz District here.

Aklanons who have vigorously opposed the casino project welcomed the President's statement.

"This is the fruit of concerted efforts of people, especially Boracaynons, to ensure that Boracay will be a casino-free destination," said Rev. Fr. Isauro David of the Holy Rosary Parish, the lone parish on the island.

David said the junking of the projects was also a result of their daily prayers. "This is really good news for us who have been working hard against the project," David told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

The priest, also the social action director of the Diocese of Kalibo, urge officials of Malay town where Boracay Island is located, to "heed and respect the President's decision."

The municipal council of Malay had passed a resolution supporting the project. Tourism officials had also said earnings from the casino could help finance development projects on the island.

But the plan has been met by resistance by residents of the island-resort and the Diocese of Kalibo because of its perceived immoral effects. The diocese and the various parish councils have repeatedly wrote to President Macapagal to shelve the plan.

Thousands of residents, including the 400-member strong Boracay Vendors Association, have also joined protest rallies against the casino. Residents have been praying the rosary beside the Club Panoly nightly since July 5 when around 2,000 residents joined an anti-casino rally.

The Aklan provincial government also opposed the plan. It passed a resolution signed by majority of its members on Oct. 25 last year against the casino.

Dionisio Salme, president of Boracay Foundation Inc. (BFI), said 70 percent of the BFI's members oppose the casino based on a survey conducted by the group. BFI is composed of owners of resorts, restaurants, bars, and diving shops on the island.

Debate over gay bishop barely touches RP church

By Maurice Malanes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

SANTIAGO CITY—The Episcopal Church of the Philippines (ECP) has not joined the worldwide debate over the recent election of an openly gay priest as bishop in the United States for some reasons.

"Our more important issues and problems here are poverty and health, such as how to provide potable water for our parishioners in remote upland villages," said Bishop Alexander Wandag of the Episcopal Diocese of Santiago.

Wandag made the statement when the INQUIRER asked him if the debate over the Aug. 5 election of openly gay priest Gene Robinson as bishop in New Hampshire had affected his priests and parishioners in any way.

Robinson's election reportedly brought warnings of a split in the worldwide Anglican Communion from church leaders in Africa, the Americas, Europe, Singapore and Egypt, who were opposed to the gay bishop's election.

"The gay bishop debate and related issues in the Ecusa (Episcopal Church of the USA) such as whether or not priests would officiate same-sex marriages and bless burial rites of pet dogs are matters, which set the Ecusa a world apart from our more basic issues here," Wandag said.

He said his diocese was more concerned about "community development" such as how to help provide electricity to rural parishioners through micro-hydro power plants and how to train members on primary health care and health education.

"But I hope the Ecusa leadership will take it (election of gay bishop issue) with much caution so it won't be a cause for division among member-churches of the Anglican Communion," he said. "We will support whatever is the careful decision of the Ecusa on this matter."

To some ECP priests, the debate over the openly gay American bishop is no big deal. "When God ordains somebody to become a priest, He does not look at the masculinity or gender but at the heart of the person being ordained," said Episcopalian priest Rev. Fr. David Tabo-oy of the Church of Resurrection in Baguio City.

"What's the difference between an openly gay priest who does his pastoral duties and conducts himself well according to the canons and disciplines of the church and a heterosexual priest who maintains 'extra-curricular' affairs?" he asked, referring to extra-marital affairs and other misdeeds of some priests.

To Tabo-oy, the gender or sex preference of a priest is immaterial. "When you're celebrating the Mass, you are not at the altar to prove or show your masculinity," he said.

ROUNDUP

18 GROs nabbed

GENERAL TRIAS, Cavite—Police raided the Hunting International Disco and arrested 18 guest relations officers (GROs) while they were performing a nude show. Police said the disco is owned by a Korean national who has allegedly been shelling out P30,000 in grease money per month for its illegal operation for three years. Police, however, failed to reveal the name of the Korean national. They said the GROs have been employed for three years even without permits from the provincial health office.

Fausto Tatad Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Vehicle stolen

DASMARIÑAS, Cavite—Three unidentified armed men stole a vehicle at gunpoint along Congressional Avenue, Barangay Burol on Monday. Police said the vehicle, a Honda CRV colored satin gray with plate number XGM-616, was driven and owned by Dr. Antonio Gonzales of San Andres Street, Malate, Manila. Investigation revealed that the victim was waiting for his wife and daughter when the armed men approached him and at gunpoint, took his car. The suspects fled after taking the car. Police are still conducting a manhunt operation.

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2 men electrocuted

KAWIT, Cavite—Two persons died after they were electrocuted while welding a street sign at the Villa Ramirez Subdivision, Barangay Tabon 1 on Tuesday. Police identified the victims as Artemio Cataluna, 44, of Barangay Pag-asa, Imus, Cavite, and Danilo Diamonte, 33, of 317 Gahak, Kawit, Cavite. Investigators said the victims were electrocuted when the wiring of the welding machine accidentally fell into a flooded cemented road where they were working. They were brought to the Kalayaan Hospital but were pronounced dead on arrival.

Fausto Tatad Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Davao security up

DAVAO CITY—Security has been beefed up for the city's crowd-drawing Kadayawan festival next week. Col. Gaudencio Pangilinan, chief of Task Force Davao, said an adequate number of soldiers, police, volunteer groups, militiamen and Reserved Officers Training Course cadets would take part in the security preparation for the festival. "We added more K-9 bomb-sniffing dogs and special equipment and weapons for the soldiers," Pangilinan said.

Dennis Jay Santos, PDI Mindanao Bureau

3 NPA rebs slain

DAVAO CITY—Three New People's Army rebels were killed in an encounter with government troops in Monkayo, Compostela Valley Monday evening, the police said Thursday. Senior. Supt. Eric Javier, chief of staff of the Southern Mindanao police, said the clash ensued after elements of the 1102nd Police Regional Mobile Group conducted a combat patrol, following the reported sighting of NPA rebels in Barangay Kapatagan. Javier said the patrolling policemen saw five rebels in the village and immediately engaged them in a brief gunfight. The slain rebels, whose bodies were recovered during a clearing operation on Tuesday morning, were identified as Johnny Lumbocan, 18; Merlyn Lumbocan, 18; and a certain John-John, all residents of Kapatagan. Javier said the policemen also recovered an M-16 Armalite rifle and a revolver from the encounter site.

Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Village guard slain

BALANGA CITY—A village guard in Bagac town was hacked and killed while he was pacifying a group of teenagers on Friday night. Police identified the victim as Aurelio Gabriel, 57, of Barangay Tabing-ilog, Bagac. The suspect, Danilo Malacos, used a bolo in hacking Gabriel, who died instantly. Malacos fled.

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A murder in the Navy haunts family

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ON THE OFFICE wall of Efren Fernando hangs conspicuously three picture frames of his younger brother, the late Navy Commander Nestor Fernando, who was murdered five years ago inside Camp Aguinaldo, the headquarters of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

It could not be ascertained if Efren wanted to be constantly reminded of his favorite sibling, but clearly he and the family would not be at rest until Nestor gets justice.

Nestor died while he was trying to investigate an alleged irregularity in the implementation of a project of the AFP's Joint Command Staff College (JCSC), involving some P115 million.

As chief for Intelligence and Operation of the JCSC, he refused to sign documents needed for the release of payment to contractors, citing that some required specifications were not met. His refusal, however, earned him the ire of a fellow officer, Col. Edgar Calvo, the military school's deputy commandant, who was in charge of the project, according to Efren.

Even police authorities expressed suspicion of an AFP cover-up of the murder, citing the failure of Calvo and his group to immediately report the incident to police. They did so only after three and a half hours.

The possibility of a cover-up was raised by Chief Insp. James Brillantes of the Central Police District Command in Quezon City, which has jurisdiction over the murder incident.

"There appeared to be an effort by some military officers to coverup what really happened. The crime scene and evidence were not preserved," Efren quoted Brillantes as telling him on one occasion.

Five years and three Presidents later, Efren said the government had still failed to exact justice or "even lift a finger to pinpoint the culprits."

Efren said he went about sending letters to Presidents Fidel Ramos, Joseph Estrada and Macapagal-Arroyo, but nothing happened. Nestor was even one of the aides of Ramos.

A presidential commission was later formed to spearhead the investigation, Efren said, but members of the family were prohibited from being interviewed by media. "We were not allowed to say anything to the media at that time," Efren said.

Treacherous

Police records showed that on May 27, 1998, a provost marshal in Camp Aguinaldo called up the police station asking to investigate the shooting incident at about 4 p.m. When the police arrived, they not only discovered that the crime scene was already cleaned up, but that the incident occurred at 12:30 noon.

Further investigation showed that M/Sgt. Miguel Acosta, driver of Calvo, entered the office of Commander Fernando, who was sitting behind his desk, and without provocation shot him in the head.

M/Sgt. Dimas Mangantulao and T/Sgt. Augusto Breboneria, both staff members of Fernando who were also inside the office, were also shot and killed by Acosta with a pistol of unknown caliber, investigation showed.

To compound the already mysterious circumstances, a still unknown triggerman killed Acosta right inside the office after the three Navy men were shot.

Who killed Acosta and whose guns were used in shooting to death who? Authorities were baffled.

Request

"I challenged President Macapagal-Arroyo to give justice to my brother's death and all military men who were senselessly murdered while in the pursuit of truth," Efren said.

He added that he sincerely believed that the young military officers who staged a mutiny in Makati City on July 27 had raised legitimate issues. The rebellious Magdalo group has accused the AFP hierarchy of irregularities and corruption.

"We can readily accept if my brother's death was in line with his duty as a soldier, but what is hurting us the more is the apparent inaction of the government to bring justice," Efren said. "Maybe then we can reform the system."

Efren said that even as a young boy, Nestor valued principle more than anything else.

He recalled one incident when Nestor, while still serving as commander of a Navy unit based in Camp Panacan in Davao City, refused a hefty amount of bribe offered by a businessman whose illegally cut timber was intercepted.

Efren said he did not yield to the offer of the businessman, who was accompanied by a regional official of Department of Environment and Natural Resources. "I was there during the bribe offer and I witnessed it," he said.

The following day, a radio message reached Panacan from Navy main headquarters, ordering the immediate transfer of Nestor to Zamboanga. "Nestor was dismayed by that and even thought of resigning from the military service," Efren said.

Nestor is survived by his wife Maria Theresa and four children. A native of Davao City, he graduated from the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Class 1978. He was 8th placer in his class. He was 42 when he died.

Hospitals on wheels bring fast medical service to people

By Nash B. Maulana
Isulan, Sultan Kudarat

A HOSPITAL on wheels starts its day in Sultan Kudarat.

ON SUNDAY, June 08, 2003, Mariam gave birth to Amir Hussein by caesarian. Hers then was the newest, though certainly not the latest, life touched on earth by the medical team of the Sultan Kudarat Mobile Hospital.

After the operation (amid the woman's hypertension and respiratory problem), all three doctors, nurses and midwives, who handled the successful delivery, had little time for lunch and had yet to handle another patient's major operation.

> Ironically, indeed, bureaucratic red tape had taken much of the group's time because they could hardly work as a team without Pingoy supervising the overall affair

At last, when both woman and child were declared in stable condition, Dr. Gerte Pingoy, head of the team, declared a lunch break: "*Maniaga na kita! Kay maobra pa kita. May ara pa da ka pasinte nga operahan* (Let's have our lunch now. We still have unfinished work on another patient who has to be operated on)."

"*May ara ta da ipaniaga?* (Do we have something for lunch prepared?)" Dr. Rex Archangel Lamprea asked Jeofre Bagaforo, a nursing aide. There seemed none (canteens nearby were closed, too) and they had to go look for food outside the 8-hectare Sultan Kudarat Provincial Capitol complex.

Mobile hospital

Breaking a tradition of remuneration in financially rewarding professions that they are in, doctors and dentists of the Sultan Kudarat Mobile Hospital provide free medical and dental services, including administering free medicines.

Gov. Datu Pax Mangudadatu said the clinic was open, "election or no election season."

"You can ring my cellular phone. It's open 24 hours a day, except when the battery is discharged," the 51-year-old Pingoy said.

Mangudadatu thought of this "all-season" medical and dental outreach program as soon as he took his oath of office before the Supreme Court in June 1998. The program was seen as an alternative to what seems to be declining interest among new physicians in the health department's call to join its "Doctors to the Barrio" program.

According to Dr. Rocky Moson, a government physician, medical professionals were losing interest to serve the villagers due to perceived risk or safety "in life and property" in the rural areas.

"At the first glance of its blueprint, I liked the idea. So I kept sending Governor Mangudadatu my own suggestions until we sat down. He took my recommendations to get the project started. From then on, he had announced in public that I would be heading the team," Pingoy said.

At the height of the military campaign against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in the Buliok Complex in Pikit, North Cotabato in February, Mangudadatu had to go overboard: he asked the provincial board to decide in a marathon session if the council could allow him to commission the mobile hospital to serve the evacuees there.

Donations

The Japanese government had donated the truck equipped with fixtures of operating room and apparatus, including x-ray, ultrasound and laser machines, a recovery bed, a dental chair, an air-conditioning system, and a rest room.

A private foreign organization subsequently donated an air-conditioned trailer dormitory, with a comfort room, for the medical workers.

An association of Filipino-Germans donated an equipment used in normal delivery procedures.

Mangudadatu admitted that "it wasn't easy at first to mobilize all 29 or so people, binding them as a team for a common commitment and ready to answer to the call of duty—with not much in sight for anything in return in helping the poor." Some of them would have been earning tenfold as much, as the salaries they receive from the provincial government.

And all three physicians in the group have had no other time spent for private practice, said Pingoy. But it pays to be touching the lives of the poor more often, and medical practice has been so good that way for Dr. Julie Mangulabnan.

Good deeds are hardly unnoticed. More humanitarian organizations, as well as individuals, have sent medical and dental equipment, as well as medicines and commitments for professional advancement.

MORE hospitals on wheels mean better medical services for residents of remote areas in the town.

According to Pingoy, a medical institute in Oklahoma has offered a scholarship program for him to undergo a three-week course on alternative medicine. But this had to be set aside yet because the number of walk-in patients increases by the day.

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Bureaucracy

After the Sunday operations, patients were again in a queue. Pingoy had to beg off in a day or two for him to be able rush to Davao City and talk to Customs officials for the release of medicines and equipment donated by the Oklahoma-based Church Renewal International, said Noel Insular, the mobile hospital administrator.

Insular said he was worried that local radio commentators would come up with unkind words for the team because of the unexpected delay in the operations of other walk-in patients, who came on Sunday.

Ironically, indeed, bureaucratic red tape had taken much of the group's time because they could hardly work as a team without Pingoy supervising the overall affair, he being the most senior in the profession among them and, in sheer dedication to service, one who seems to be their inspiration.

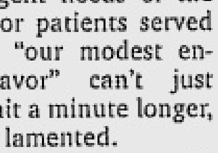
In previous experiences, said a member of the team, the Bureau of Food and Drugs had to segregate donated medicines that would have otherwise been useful for needy patients but had expired due to months of storage at a Mindanao port.

Mangudadatu said he had to rush to the Department of Finance to work out for the release of the donated goods, but at times, bureaucratic responses did not come in weeks or even in months. The urgent needs of the poor patients served by "our modest endeavor" can't just wait a minute longer, he lamented.

What then could happen to other countries' promised humanitarian aid for the people of Mindanao? he asked.

"I wonder if they have to go through such a sad experience in the hands of some of our government officials."

Countdown for Justice



WAPILE

IT is exactly 461 days today since Pagadian journalist Edgar Damalerio was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.

RAMboys 'felt' they were used, but Magdalo boys 'knew' they were used

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the RAMboys who supported him in previous coup attempts.

"We are a lot wiser now," Maligalig said. "We know who Honasan is, but unfortunately, these young officers at Oakwood don't."

Ex-Maj. Abraham Purugganan lamented that Navy Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV et al. were not good students of history, as shown, he said, by their failure to find out what Honasan was as a person and as a coup leader.

But Purugganan, a veteran of coup attempts and now undersecretary for special concerns, said he also found it distasteful that the young officers were arrogant and disrespectful to their superiors and civilian authorities.

"*Kahit noong panahon namin* (In our time), we were not that arrogant. Once you submit to military control, you abide by the rules and regulations," he said.

Purugganan said what happened at Oakwood was not within the control of Trillanes et al. because there was a political group behind them. He also said that as long as politicians continue to exploit the legitimate grievances of junior officers, a mutiny would always occur.

3 kinds

Maligalig said there were three kinds of participants in the RAM coup attempts of 1987 and 1989:

- The plotters, or those convinced that a solution to the ills in the system was to tear down the foundations in order to give rise to new beginnings.
- The deceived, whose idealism was played upon by political demagogues.
- The mercenary, or those who got paid to participate, such as troop commanders.

Maligalig said that prior to the July 27 mutiny, RAM knew that Honasan was visiting units all over the country in the guise of his consultation duties as a senator.

Many times, Maligalig said, military officers and men phoned the RAM headquarters to inform them of Honasan's movements.

"He just stokes the grievances," Maligalig said. "He does not say '*Sama kayo* (Join us), there's a coup d'etat."

Maligalig said his conjecture was that Honasan offered a "coup package" to ousted President Joseph Estrada and asked for P50 million to execute it.

Since Estrada was still not comfortable with Honasan, he asked his former deputy executive secretary Ramon "Eki" Cardenas to coordinate with Honasan, Maligalig said.

Cardenas has been arrested and charged with rebellion before the Department of Justice. A raiding team reported finding firearms, Magdalo flags and other equipment in his house in Makati.

His lawyer Rene Saguisag said the stuff had been planted.

'Most stupid move'

Maligalig said the mutiny at Oakwood was headed for failure even before the deadline set by President Macapagal-Arroyo for the Magdalo group to surrender.

He was emphatic: "A coup d'etat after the first hour and it's not moving, *talo na yon* (it's a goner). The military component, *walang galaw* (no movement). *Alam namin yon* (We knew that). We were there."

It is his belief that the Magdalo group used what he called "RAM formations."

"I suspect that it was the work of Senator Honasan and other comrades who separated from us [in RAM]," he said.

Purugganan, a 1978 graduate of the Philippine Military Academy, described the occupation of Oakwood as the "most stupid move" in a combat situation.

He said it was obvious that Trillanes and company were not ready for protracted warfare.

"If you want to stay there long and fight it out, you should be able to control high grounds and access roads. They didn't do that. Either they are plain stupid or they went there just for a show," Purugganan said.

HONASAN

"Even when they laid their mines, that's not acceptable in combat, because would you display the mines?" he said, adding in a mixture of Filipino and English:

"In our time, you would not see any of that in Makati. The bombs were hidden. More than that, our bombs had gasoline—so that the first one who would penetrate our defenses would get burned. In their case, it was just explosives, no partner."

Purugganan was the commanding officer of Task Force Panther, the rapid deployment unit of the Army's Scout Rangers, when he and his men took control of Makati's commercial complex in 1989.

As many as 99 people, including one of his men, were killed in that coup attempt. Hundreds were wounded, and the economy was battered.

Cornered

Purugganan said that based on information he had gathered, the Magdalo group used Oakwood merely as a rallying area after its coup plot was compromised.

He refused to agree that the mutiny was to serve only as the opening salvo of the coup attempt, and that the plotters were following the Portuguese coup model by using mere captains to execute the plot.

"No. No. It's really they were cornered," he said. "They went out of the camp, got burned on the way, and all their cards were compromised, so they ran to Oakwood."

Asked if he would recommend amnesty for the renegade soldiers, Purugganan said: "As a soldier trained in the [PMA], when you take the risks, you are wiling to suffer the consequences. If there's amnesty, thank you. If none, sorry. You know what you're doing. You know that if you make a mistake, you will be punished."

Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero, Armed Forces chief of public information, said that while he was not politicized when he joined the 1989 coup attempt, he felt hardship as a young lieutenant and his thirst for reforms forced him to put the RAM patch on his arm.

Lucero was among the members of the Army's 7th Division who defected to the RAM camp in Greenhills when they were sent by the government to reinforce its forces in December 1989. He was then a first lieutenant and G-2 (Army intelligence) production officer.

"You know, when we go to the field, there's an absence of government," he said. "So we are forced to act as barangay captains and even advise mayors on what to do. We are the government there."

During the recruitment phase of the coup plot, he said, they were made to believe that they were being exploited by the elite and crooked government officials whose interests they were protecting.

"We saw our men die, and that was the line they used," he said. "I did not know that I had already dipped my finger in political issues. I became politicized to the extent that I was already performing beyond my function as a military officer."

RAMboy sees Gringo hand in Oakwood

By Connie E. Fernandez
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CEBU CITY—A leader of the Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabayan sees the mark of Sen. Gregorio Honasan in the mutiny of July 27.

In fact, said Cebu Customs District Collector Billy Bibit, a retired colonel, he could hear Honasan whenever Navy Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillianes IV spoke about their reasons for launching the mutiny.

Bibit drew attention to the letter "I" that the mutineers displayed on their armbands and flags that looked like the letter "H."

"We thought it was the letter 'I' but didn't you notice how they displayed it? Downward it became an 'H.' And here we are looking for evidence on who is the leader of the group," he said.

Bibit also pointed out that the mutiny was staged shortly after Honasan announced that he was running for president but was not taken seriously.

He said that except for some RAM members working in Honasan's office, the senator does not have the machinery to push through with a candidacy for president.

Bibit also took Honasan to task for his supposed failed promise to implement the National Recovery Program—the mutineers' "bible"—and said that in his nine years as a senator, Honasan had nothing to show that he had tried to work for the five talking points discussed by RAM members and the Ramos administration when they were granted amnesty.

These were electoral reforms, economic reforms, reforms in the Armed Forces, AFP modernization, and good governance.

Sympathy

Bibit said he could see why the Magdalo group mounted a mutiny, but could "not sympathize with them."

"I understand why they had these gripes because we also had them. We were also full of idealism," he said.

However, he said, there were bigger irregularities during the Estrada administration and the Magdalo group did not do anything to address these.

Bibit said what the mutineers did was not justified. "At a time when full support is needed by the brave [soldiers] fighting in the front lines, the junior officers are fault finding," he said.

But he expressed pity for the young officers, saying they were "just being used ... like we were used before."

He said it was like "seeing yourself in the same situation several years ago," when "some people" appealed to your sense of patriotism and duty, only to be used later for their political agenda.

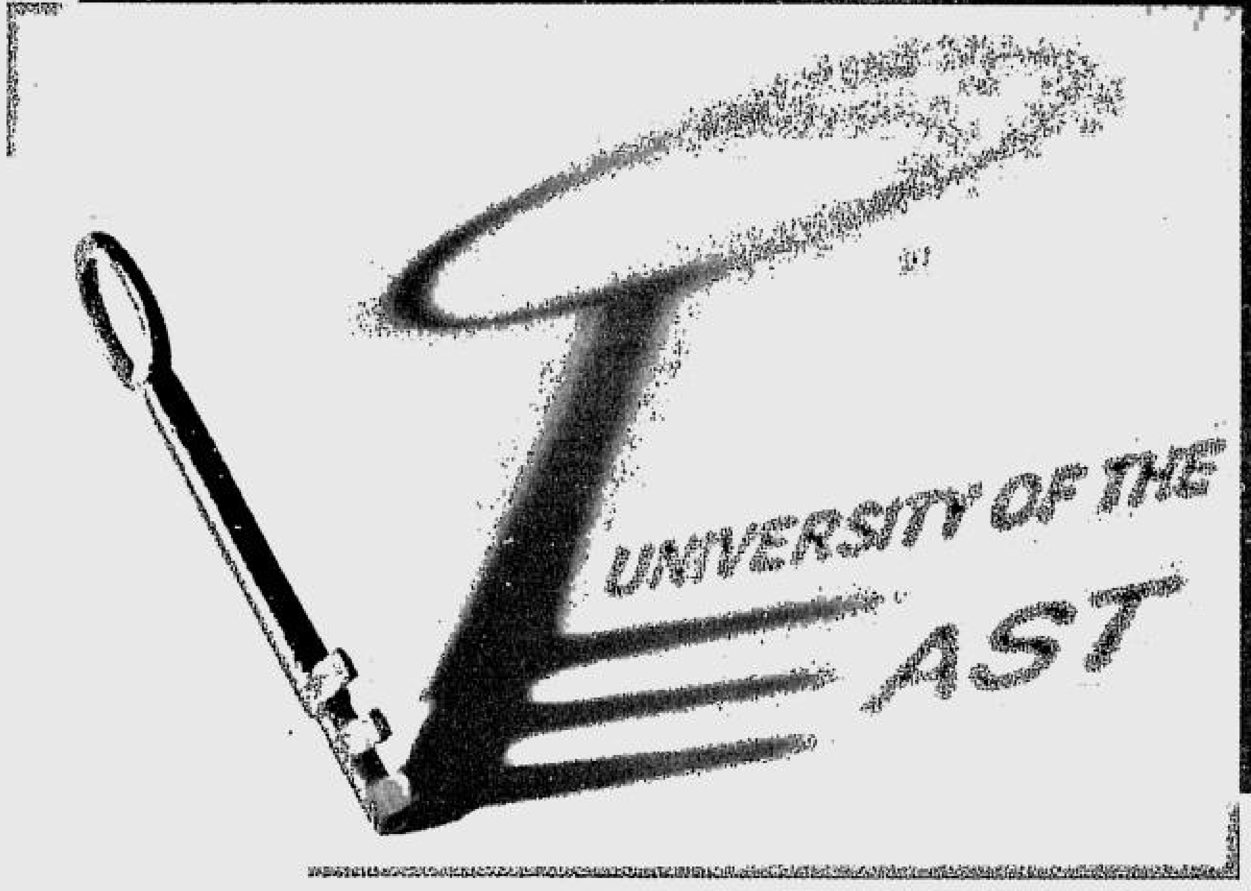
"These people" aimed for "power and authority" and "forgot the [accompanying] responsibility and accountability," including the primary trait of a leader, which is "looking after the welfare of his men," Bibit said.

Forgiveness

Bibit said he had moved on from his days as a coup plotter. He said that he had "forgiven" Honasan, and that it was unfortunate that an incident like the July 27 mutiny opened old wounds.

He said Honasan should have been true to their promise never again to engage in moves against the government when they signed an agreement with the Ramos administration shortly after they were granted amnesty.

"Where is the promise now?" he said.



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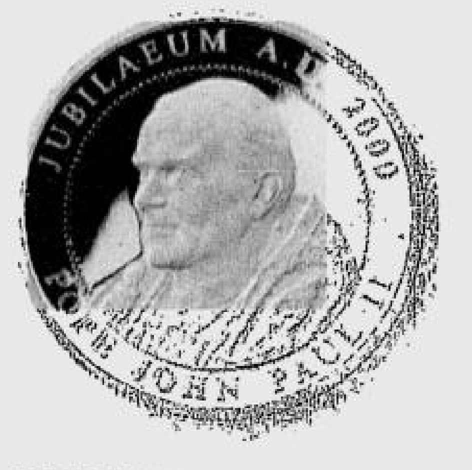

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The Aquino coin, which was produced by Meyer's Mint of Germany, will be launched on Aug. 19.

Former President Corazon C. Aquino will receive the commemorative gold coin from Bernhard Meyer, chair of B.H. Meyer's Mint, Joseph Bismark, GoldQuest International Network Development director, and Christopher Carrion, founding chair of the Spirit of Edsa Foundation, the local partner for the project.

The coins will come in two sizes for the gold edition (one oz. and 10 gm) and one for the silver edition (one oz.). They will be available through advanced reservations from Gold Quest Philippines and the Spirit of Edsa Foundation.

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Princess Diana championed worthy causes, including children's safety, AIDS and the anti-landmine campaign.

John F. Kennedy, the most loved of all American presidents, was honored for enforcing civil rights laws and nuclear test ban treaties and sending the Peace Corps' idealistic youngsters to help in developing countries.

Mother Teresa, soon to be beatified by the Pope, was recognized for her lifelong dedication to work for the poorest of the poor, as well as her generosity and compassion.

Asked if the bill could be approved by the Senate in time for the 20th anniversary of Aquino's murder, Pimentel said: "I think so."

Single important factor

Pimentel said Aquino should be hailed as a national hero alongside Dr. Jose Rizal, Andres Bonifaco and Sultan Kudarat because "he unselfishly gave up his life for the sake of restoring freedom in the country."

He believed that "times demand that we have symbols of heroism (to look up to)."

He said the Senate should declare every Aug. 21 a national holiday in honor of Aquino, "a hero and martyr to the cause of peace, freedom and democracy."

He pointed out that Aquino's death had been acknowledged as the single most important factor that propelled the peaceful restoration of democracy and freedom to the country. *With a report from Michael Ubac*

Absentee ...

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reading newspapers, fiddling with their mobile phones, having snacks, swapping stories, and, occasionally, staring blankly until a registrant comes along.

Only 401 have registered as of Aug. 9, Consul Jerome Castro said. And that figure includes the registration staff, embassy employees and their relatives.

"It's not our fault that they are not coming. It's not our fault that there isn't much to do," Castro said.

The problem is the lack of information dissemination, according to Filipinos composing the Rome chapter of Migrante International.

"There is no serious effort to inform everyone," said Migrante-Rome secretary general Anna Bruzola. "Even the hiring of contractual employees for this registration was kept from most Filipinos until the last minute. Everyone should have had a fair shot at the opportunity."

Filipinos in Rome, mainly domestic workers, earn an average $1,000 a month doing chores that other people did for them back in the Philippines.

"The $1,500 salary [for registering voters] is a real attraction, especially since the job does not require one to hold a broom or a mop," Bruzola said.

Italy hosts an estimated 150,000 overseas Filipino workers, of whom 40,000-50,000 are in the Rome-Lazio area.

"At the rate we are going, we would be lucky to have at least 3,000 registrants by the end of the registration period on Sept. 30," Bruzola noted.

Making the rounds

Castro, however, said that on top of making the rounds of Filipino communities to announce the registration, he had been speaking on the matter in a number of Filipino radio programs as well as a TV show.

"In accordance with law," he said, the embassy placed an ad last month in an Italian newspaper. But the move was deemed useless because most Filipinos do not buy and read Italian newspapers.

Castro acknowledged that most Filipinos were out of town with their employers, August being vacation month for Italians who take along their house help to the mountains or the beaches.

Nonetheless, he expects more people to register as the deadline draws near, he said.

Calls for an extension of the registration period have gone unheeded by the Philippine government, although Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos, here in Rome in June, promised to work on it.

'Soggiorno'

Bruzola said Castro might be partly responsible for the low turnout.

Two days before the registration began, she said, Castro announced over the TV program "Ito ang Pinoy!" that a permit to stay (*permesso di soggiorno*) was a requirement for registration. This scared away Filipinos who were holding valid passports but were overstaying.

Castro later clarified that a valid passport would suffice but that the *soggiorno* was a requirement to establish residence, especially for immigrants.

"Not so," Bruzola said, adding that there was no mention of *soggiorno* or any other document issued by the host country to regular workers as a requirement in the Implementing Rules and Regulations or the Comelec primer, and during the June meeting in Rome between Commissioner Florentino Tuazon and Filipino leaders.

"To qualify to register, one only has to prove that he is a Filipino, and there is no better proof than a valid passport," Bruzola said. "We should stick to that."

THEY used to envy the schoolchildren who went by their "cage." These days Maryjoy, Maryjane, Maryrose and Marygrace are where they want to be ... sometimes.

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Quadruplets: From cage to classroom

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with other people.

She said the girls are due for an assessment next week but even now she can see that they have made progress in the way they perform in class and interact with other children.

"They could not even talk before but now they are beginning to learn. They can greet me and their classmates with 'Good Morning'," Morales said.

School only 3 times a week

Unfortunately, the girls are able to attend school only twice or thrice in a week.

"I understand it is because their mother is hard up," Morales said.

The girls' aunt, Gemma Macaraeg, explained that her sister, Elizabeth, simply does not have the money to pay for the fare to take the children to school.

Solano is 11 km from Bagabag and Elizabeth must spend P50 for the daily fare.

"Sometimes [the girls] cannot attend class because they do not have money and Elizabeth needs to work to earn some money," Macaraeg said.

Elizabeth became the family's sole breadwinner after her husband, a tricycle driver, was gunned down in Quezon City three years ago.

She tends a small sari-sari store from which she earns P50 a day, barely enough to support the quads and two older children.

Macaraeg said another sister takes care of the two older children while she helps pay for their education.

She said her sister now refuses to place the quads inside their wooden playpen after the INQUIRER reported that it was a "cage."

Elizabeth has explained that she was forced to keep the frisky 4-year-olds in the 1 meter-by-2-meter wooden contraption—which she called a crib, not a cage—while she tended to a sari-sari store during the day. They might run out into the road and be run over, she said.

Donations

But the attention has helped in that offers of donations and pledges for the quads have trickled in from government, local officials and anonymous donors.

Macaraeg said they are still waiting for the local government of Bagabag to come up with the design for a terrace to be built beside Elizabeth's house so the quads would not have to be placed in a cage.

"Once completed, the terrace will serve as their playground," Macaraeg said.

She said Sister Theresina Estalilla of the St. Francis Foundation gave the family a cavan of rice and P1,000 which came in handy when Maryrose was bitten by a dog and had to be confined in hospital in July.

Last month, Nueva Vizcaya Rep. Carlos Padilla turned over to Elizabeth the balance of a bank account in the name of the quadruplets at the Philippine National Bank.

Padilla helped raise about P160,000 for the girls in 2001 by soliciting donations through his television program "Crossroads." Most of the money went to the repair of the family house and to the capitalization of the sari-sari store and a small eatery that Elizabeth started.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development also gave P3,000 to the quadruplets.

Macaraeg believes the best solution to the problem of educating and caring for the girls would be to have them go to a day care center near their house in Bagabag, to be arranged with donations of course.

"This is the practical way. What [donors] should do is just pay the day care center fees every month," she said.

The day care center in Bagabag charges only P100 per pupil each month.

US town to appeal to Bush not to deport Pinoys

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community of 6,300 have unrolled the welcome mat for the Agandas, and gathered more than 4,000 signatures in support of the family.

Outraged residents peppered US Rep. Doc Hastings with questions about the pending deportations at a town hall meeting Thursday.

Hastings told about 150 people he would speak with immigration officials on behalf of the family, but said there was little else he could do.

Hastings said there is no way to assure the Agandas' safety after they return to the Philippines.

Residents outraged over the deportation challenged Hastings to make a stand in Congress and even threatened to barricade the family.

"Will you tell them about these people and that what's happening to these people is wrong?" Selah resident Bob Brock asked.

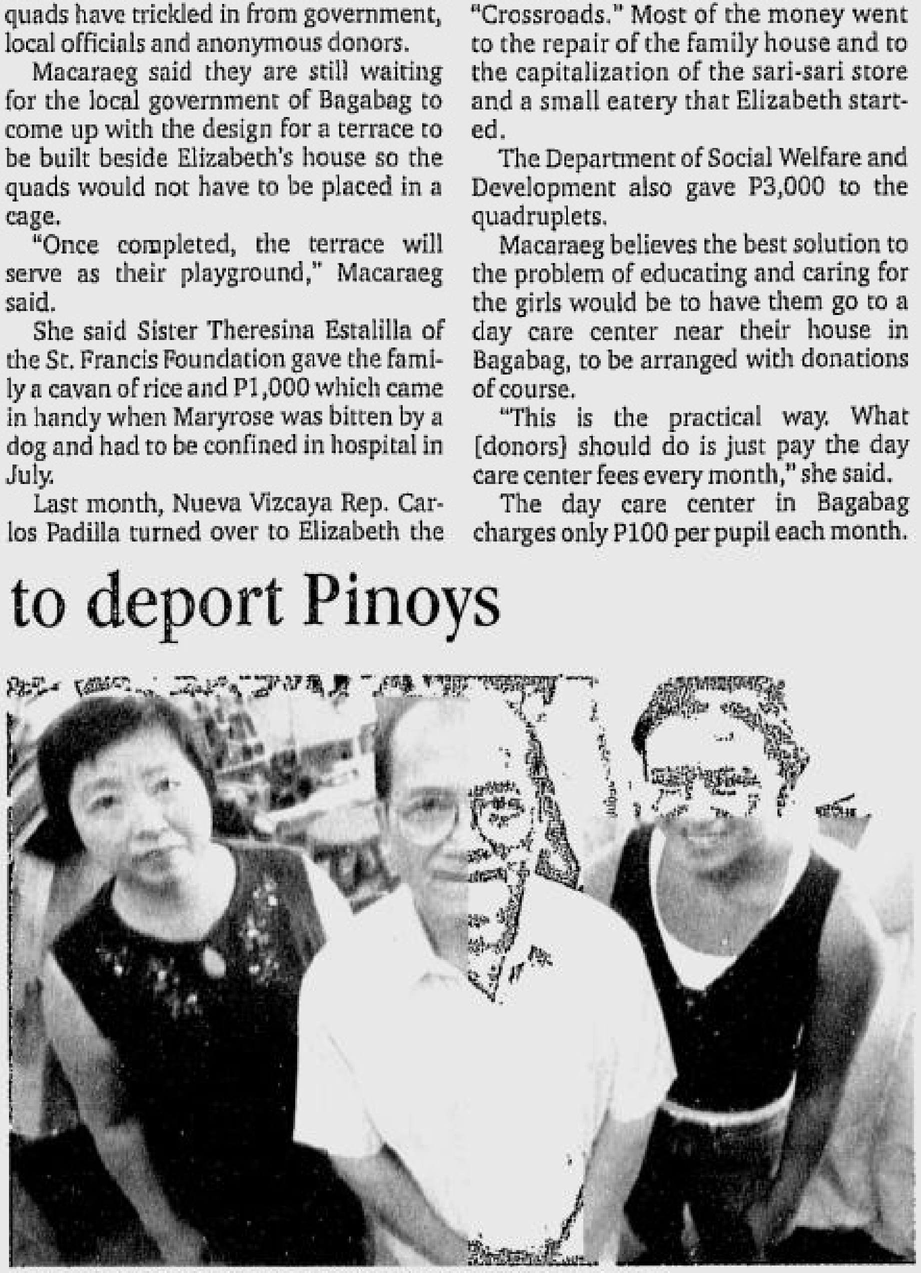
Residents characterized the Agandas as productive citizens.

"If these people go back, I'd like to see a sweep clear from Canada all the way to the Oregon border," one upset resident said about illegal immigrants in the state.

The Agandas' three other children will remain in the United States. Stephanie, 19, was born in the United States in 1984, while her mother was visiting a relative as a tourist. Sons Herbie, 23, and Khimson, 21, will remain under student visas.

The Agandas voluntarily dry-cleaned, gratis, the community's US flags and dresses for an annual Community Days celebration.

"It will be a big loss for our community," Jones said. "They did a lot." *AP*



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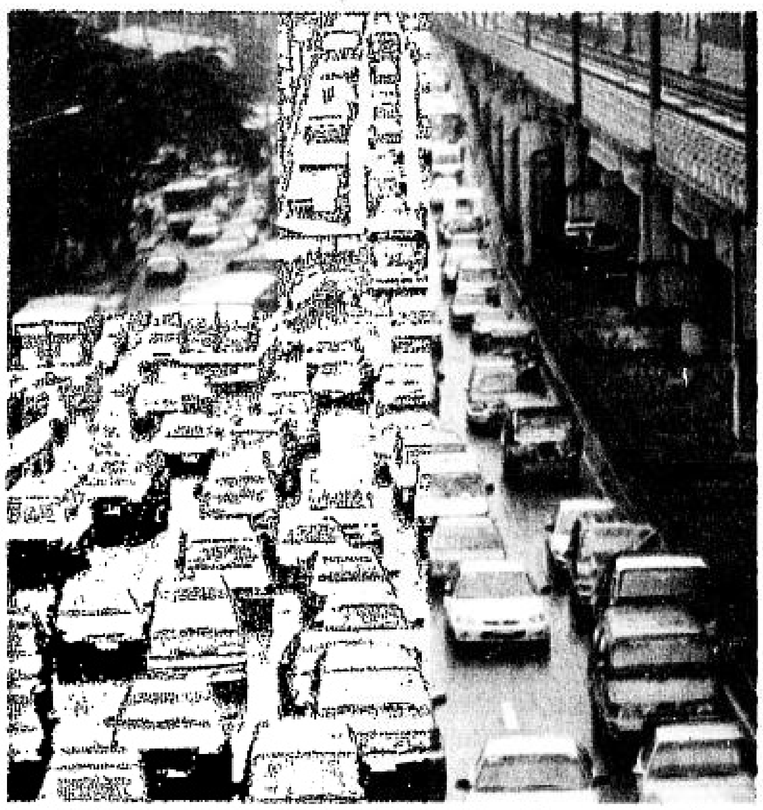

TRAFFIC congestion, along the scale of this bumper-to-jumper jam on Edsa, has gripped Quezon Avenue. PDI FILE

By Alcuin Papa

MOTORISTS scratching their heads in confusion was a common sight on Quezon Avenue yesterday when the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority's "no left turn, no crossing" policy came into full play.

According to Metrobase, the MMDA unit that monitors the traffic situation in Metro Manila, traffic piled up on critical areas in Quezon City, particularly on the intersection of Quezon and Araneta avenues.

The buildup was caused primarily by motorists and public utility vehicle drivers lining up at U-turn slots, Metrobase officials said.

MMDA personnel opened up the slots earlier in the week by knocking down portions of the center island lining the broad avenue.

MMDA Traffic Operations Center Director Angelito Vergel de Dios yesterday noted the confusion in the streets and the heavy traffic that resulted because of the policy.

Vergel De Dios said that they would study the effects of the policy and the traffic situation on Quezon Avenue for about a week before they could decide whether, based on their findings, the MMDA could do away with the policy.

"But for now, the road will have to remain as it is," Vergel De Dios told the INQUIRER yesterday.

"Motorists coming to an intersection had to slow down when they find out that they could no longer take a left turn on that corner, as was the case before," Vergel De Dios said.

He added that drivers of passenger jeepneys also contributed to the congestion, according to Vergel De Dios. "[Jeepney drivers] continue to do what they had been doing, which was to load and unload passengers" on illegal zones along Quezon Avenue.

Vergel De Dios also said that they have decided to keep the Quezon Avenue-Araneta Avenue intersection open to accommodate container vans passing through the area.

He said that the intersection is the only one open on that stretch of Quezon Avenue.

Container vans from Port Area in Manila bound for provinces in the north frequently pass through Araneta Avenue.

Last Friday—a pay day—traffic in Quezon City came to a standstill.

Heavy rain also contributed to the traffic mess in the city that day, which rendered vital roads impassable.

Vergel De Dios also revealed that they have received complaints and suggestions on how to improve the traffic situation in Metro Manila.

He said of all the suggestions submitted to his office, the one worth considering is the widening of Quezon Avenue.

Malaysian, 3 others nabbed for pulling off gold bar scam

By Leila Salaverria

MEMBERS of the Western Police District on Friday arrested four men, including a Malaysian, for allegedly trying to sell a fake gold bar for P47.5 million.

A team from the WPD's Criminal Intelligence and Investigation Division under SP04 Rolly Bañez arrested Peter Magayon, 27, George Largo, 44, Arnold Kodong, 28, all residents of Baguio City, and Malaysian Agustin Lee, 62, during an entrapment operation in a unit of the 205 Apartelle in San Andres, Malate, Manila.

Businessman Felix Signo, 41, filed a complaint with the police after the four men called him up asking him if he wished to buy a 70-kg gold bar for P47.5 million, police said.

Sensing that the gold bar was fake and that he was being conned, Signo sought the help of authorities to round up the suspects.

According to SPO4 Bañez, the suspects tried to pass off the gold bar as part of the Yamashita hoard.

IS THERE anyone foolish enough to part with his P47.5 million in exchange for this gold bar, which turned out to be fake? RANDY HORMILLOSA

Marines in MM? Only as last resort, says NCRPO chief

By Tina Santos

DEPUTY Director General Reynaldo Velasco on Friday said that he has no objections to the government plan to deploy Marines in key urban centers to thwart terrorist attacks.

But Velasco, National Capital Region Police Office chief, quickly pointed out that the planned deployment should be done only "as a last resort," to prevent people from panicking.

Velasco made the statement after he ordered the directors of Metro Manila's five police districts to intensify security measures and conduct of "target-hardening" drills in their respective areas, to head off "sympathy strikes" following the bombing of a hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The US State Department has issued an advisory, warning of a spillover of violence in Southeast Asian countries, Velasco said.

He also advised operators of private security firms protecting malls and hotels in Metro Manila to implement measures to ensure the safety of their clients.

Velasco also said that additional uniformed policemen and plainclothesmen have already been deployed in transportation facilities, embassies and government agencies. K-9 teams have also been conducting spot inspections in key areas in the metropolis.

He stressed that the threat of terrorism is always present, especially that fugitive-terrorist Fathur Rohman al-ghozi, who has links with the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), is still unaccounted for after his escape from the Camp Crame maximum detention center.

"We cannot discount the possibility that (Al-Ghozi) will use his (JI) connections to launch retaliatory attacks in the country," Velasco said.

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News that makes a difference

Oops, wrong bird for sale

By Alcuin Papa

A VENDOR trying to sell a protected animal in the streets of Paranaque City was arrested yesterday by Mayor Joey Marquez himself.

Armando Lubrigo, 48, of Calaca, Batangas was trying to sell a Philippine hawk, otherwise known as "Lawin Mindoro," to motorists along Lopez Avenue in Barangay San Isidro when nabbed.

Marquez told the INQUIRER that he was conducting an inspection of the different police precincts in the city when he chanced upon the hawker.

He then approached Lubrigo. The vendor, not recognizing Marquez, even offered the bird to the mayor for P2,500. Marquez then ordered the police to arrest Lubrigo.

Marquez said a check with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources showed that the bird is protected by law.

Lubrigo, who said he bought the bird from a poacher in Mindoro, is now under detention and will face charges for selling a protected and endangered animal.

Meanwhile, in Rodriguez, Rizal, a driver was allegedly killed the other night by the owners of a dog he had kicked.

Police said Arnold Plamiano, 26, of Barangay San Jose, was walking home around 7 p.m. when a dog chased him. He kicked the dog to defend himself from being bitten. But the owners saw it, got angry and hit Plamiano with a pipe and stabbed him with a bolo. Two of the suspects had been arrested, police said.

With a report from Luige del Puerto

Lawyer ambushed in Escolta

Lone gunman carries out attack; victim's daughter also hurt

By Leila B. Salaverria

WHAT was supposed to be a quiet evening with his family on Friday ended in tragedy for lawyer Franklin B. Tamarco.

Tamarco was gunned down by an unidentified suspect while he was inside his car with his wife and their young daughter.

His 8-year-old daughter Gail was also hurt in the ambush.

Police have released a cartographic sketch of the gunman *(see sketch at right)*.

Investigation by SP04 Alfredo Salazar showed that Tamarco, 49, had just left his office at the A&T Building in Escolta and had boarded and started the engine of his red Toyota Corolla (WRG 528), which was parked on Nueva and Escolta streets at 5:15 p.m. when the gunman, with .45 gun in hand, walked up to the lawyer.

Salazar said the gunman had rapped on Tamarco's heavily-tinted window, calling "attorney, attorney" before shooting at the lawyer several times.

Tamarco had two bullet wounds, one on his left side and one on his left arm. His daughter, who was sitting at the front passenger seat, was also hit on the back, with the bullet exiting through her shoulder, and on the leg.

Tamarco's wife, Elizabeth, meanwhile, was unscathed because she had been "texting" at that time, said Salazar, and had either been outside the vehicle or in the backseat.

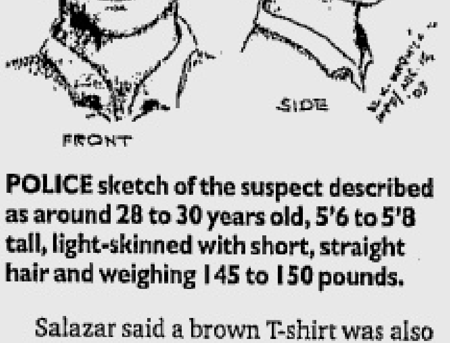
A parking lot attendant drove the victims to the hospital using Tamarco's car. The lawyer died at the Manila Medical Center at around 6 p.m. while his daughter is being treated at the Manila Doctors Hospital.

Eight empty shells of a .45 and an empty magazine were recovered from the scene.

Police are checking whether the ambush was work-related or was personal in nature. Salazar, quoting the victim's wife, said Tamarco had received death threats before.

The gunman fled on foot toward Escolta and disappeared in the alley between Banquero and Burke streets after the incident. But police said he was accompanied by another man who probably served as lookout.

Two other men riding tandem on a motorcycle seen in the area and who sped to Escolta after the ambush were believed to be the gunman's backup.



POLICE sketch of the suspect described as around 28 to 30 years old, 5'6 to 5'8 tall, light-skinned with short, straight hair and weighing 145 to 150 pounds.

Salazar said a brown T-shirt was also found in the alley where the gunman fled, which means the suspect probably changed his clothes after the attack.

Abalos frowns on urinals' design

IT'S THE design, Mr. Chairman.

Mandaluyong City Mayor Benjamin Abalos Jr. said the urinals being set up by the Metro Manila Development Authority would not be "appropriate" in his city, where malls and commercial centers abound.

"*Hindi bagay ang* design (The design is not appropriate)," Abalos said. "Many tourists visit Mandaluyong and our streets will not look good with these urinals."

Like other mayors, Abalos said it would be better to construct real comfort rooms instead.

Abalos also said the city has narrow sidewalks, thus there might be no more room for pedestrians.

Like most cities in the metropolis, urinating in public is illegal in Mandaluyong.

Luige del Puerto

Lifestyle check should be 2-way street, cops say

By Edson Tandoc Jr.

CONDUCT lifestyle checks on rich police and military officials, but don't forget that most lawmen are poor.

Thus urged Northern Police District officials the other day, who said that while they welcomed President Macapagal-Arroyo's order to conduct lifestyle checks on their bosses at the Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the government should also look into the conditions of poor lawmen.

"It should be a two-way street. The government should look at the unexplained wealth of our generals, but it should also help the poor," NPD Deputy Director for Administration Raul Gonzales said during a forum with reporters.

Statements from the palace aired over radio stations last week said the lifestyle checks would be done to show the young officers the Macapagal administration does not tolerate corrupt officials.

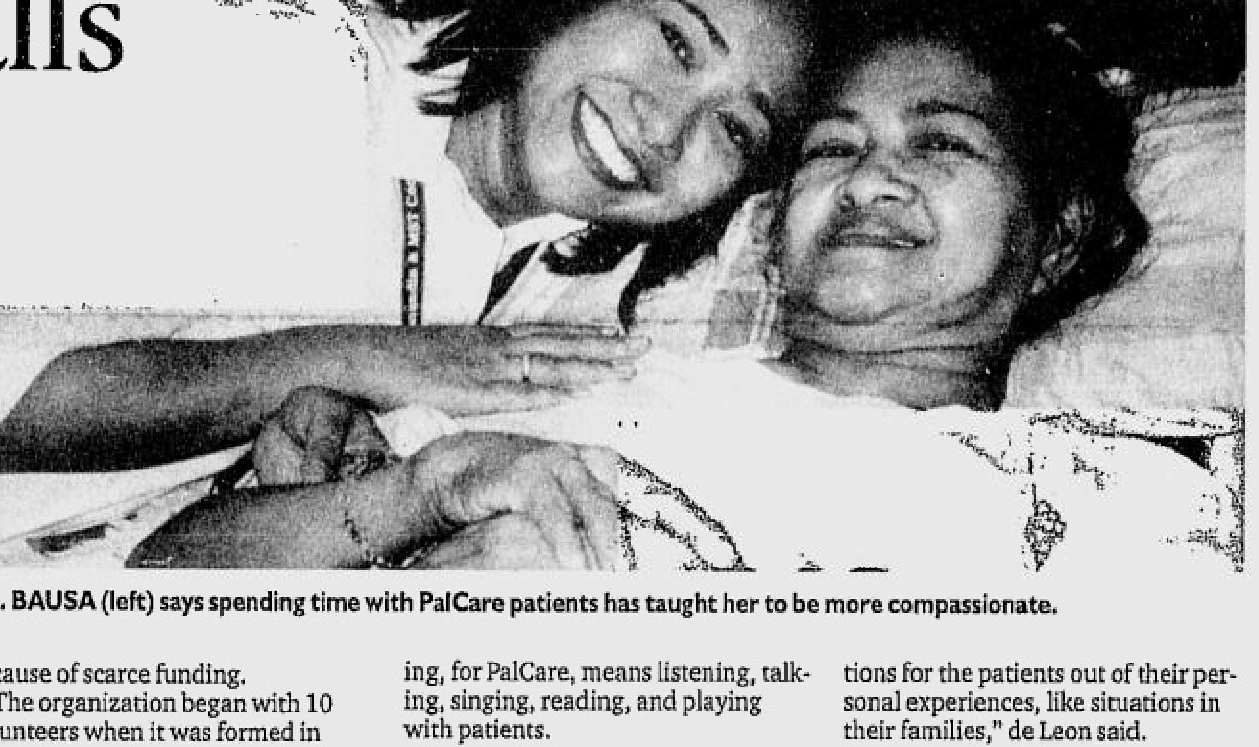
NPD Director Marcelin Franco Jr. urged policemen to just "live simple lives" to avoid rumors of corruption.

He said that he knew of some policemen belonging to rich families who sacrifice a few luxuries just to avoid allegations of corruption, even though their properties were legitimately acquired.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Doctors make house calls

By Tarra Quismundo



DR. BAUSA (left) says spending time with PalCare patients has taught her to be more compassionate.

IT DOES not take a year, a month, not even a day, to share one's life with others who are in need.

For volunteers of the Palliative Care Volunteer Program (PalCare) of the Philippine General Hospital, all they need to do is render a two-hour service every week to patients. But nothing stops one from giving more.

PalCare is a volunteer program under the PGH's Department of Family and Community Medicine (DFCM). It attends to patients with chronic and terminal diseases with the goal of making the most out of the patients' remaining days.

"We help them accept their condition, not giving them false hope but not shattering all hope either," said Howard Hernandez, PalCare volunteer coordinator.

Hernandez, a medical student at the University of the Philippines in Manila, is among the pioneers of PalCare.

He formed PalCare with Dr. Cathy Krings, assistant chair of the PGH hospice care program, and Dr. Agnes Bausa, PGH-DFCM consultant and PalCare program coordinator who, like him, both saw the need for the program in the face of the public hospital's limited resources.

"I put this up because it brings back the humanity in my work. I think volunteerism is vital to a doctor's well-being," said Hernandez.

"Some doctors are not able to spend much time with patients because there are others waiting for them. That's where PalCare comes in," Bausa said. She added that the hospital could not hire more people because of scarce funding.

The organization began with 10 volunteers when it was formed in November last year, said Bausa. Today, despite little promotional campaign, PalCare has 70 volunteers composed of doctors, students, professionals, and others who want to do their share.

Ward and home visits to patients who have been referred by the DFCM is how PalCare reaches out. In their visits, volunteers engage patients in reading, painting, play therapy, music therapy and aromatherapy.

PalCare's mission extends to the patient's family, including counseling and preparation for their patients' passing, and continues until the family's time of grief.

"We have a holistic approach in dealing with patients, and help them handle emotional and psychological pains, including family problems," Bausa said.

And more than the strongest medicine science can produce, healing, for PalCare, means listening, talking, singing, reading, and playing with patients.

"It makes you a more holistic doctor, in ways that what I can't get from my studies I get here from volunteering. Here you learn how to be compassionate," said Hernandez.

PalCare volunteers undergo training, including active listening skills, massage therapies, and other lectures intended to prepare them for the ward and home visits.

The volunteers also serve as additional staff for the DFCM.

"When volunteers have time, they come here to do paper work. Sometimes they help us prepare gauzes for patients. They have been a very big help for the department," said Dr. Tina Landagan, a fellow at the department.

Allan de Leon, a new volunteer from Dulaang Dian Masalanta of Pandacan, joined PalCare with some 50 members of the theater group to reach out.

"We would like to make presentations for the patients out of their personal experiences, like situations in their families," de Leon said.

Dr. Richard Ronald Cacho, obstetrician-gynecologist at the PGH and a PalCare volunteer, said he has become a friendlier doctor since joining the program.

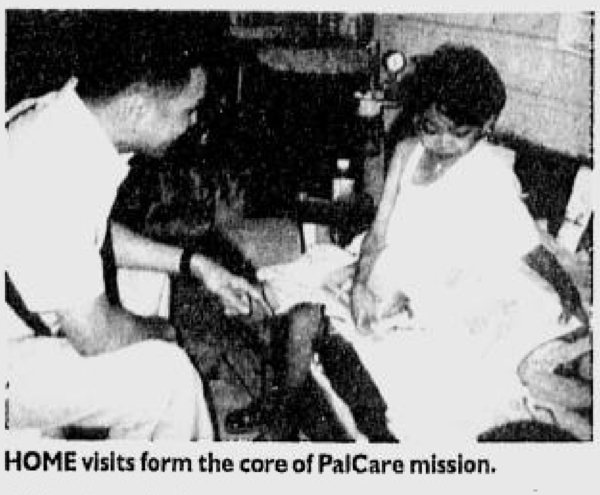
"It's learning the art of healing, not just the science of healing. You get to uncover the spiritual aspects of pain, like the spiritual and psychosocial aspects, and you learn to spend more time with them," Cacho said.

Like the patients who express their wishes to the volunteers, PalCare has its own wish list.

Books, videos, and other educational materials, instrumental or lullaby audio tapes or discs, toys, medical equipment and medicine, and office supplies, are some of the things PalCare needs. Today, it depends entirely on their volunteers for funding and supplies.

Then again, anybody can just spare two hours a week.

'A time to be a doctor, a time to be a friend'



HOME visits form the core of PalCare mission.

LAID on his bed on only one side, his legs curled like that of a baby inside his mother's womb, the boy's eyes widened and said "...dancer *ako dati* (I used to be a dancer)."

An occasional smile brightened up his face as he recounted the times he and his friends spent their afternoons dancing to the tune of Ja Rule and Jennifer Lopez's duet, "I'm Real," the boy's favorite song.

But now, Jefferson Magdaraog finds even just straightening his legs much harder than the easiest dance step.

Jefferson suffers from spinal cord compression, a complication of tuberculosis which affected the nerves in his spine.

His disease has rendered his legs immobile. The damage in his spinal cord is permanent.

Jefferson has been confined at the Philippine General Hospital since April. He is among PGH's chronically and terminally ill patients who are under the care of PalCare.

"I want to go home. There's nothing much I do here," said Jefferson who spends most of his time sleeping on Bed 22 in Ward 11. Much as he wants to steal a little time in the hospital's playroom, his condition would not allow him.

"He is always irritable because he has not accepted his condition," said Jessie Samudio, Jefferson's cousin and caregiver.

Cyrill Quinto, an electronics and communications engineering student in UP Diliman and the PalCare volunteer who gives bedside care to Jefferson, is the stranger who eventually became a new friend to the patient.

While it took some time for Jefferson to open up, conversations about basketball, hobbies, and at times, girls, have begun to form a bond between the two.

"I try to talk to him about things other than his disease, because I know that it's hard for him to accept it," Quinto said.

Quinto spends at least one hour with Jefferson every week in the middle of exams and projects in school. "That time," he said, "has been most rewarding."

Such sentiment is true among other PalCare volunteers.

"You become a healer in the truest sense. Because not only am I giving cure in a scientific way, but I am also giving my heart," said Dr. Richard Ronald Cacho, obstetrician-gynecologist who has been practicing for seven years at the PGH.

"There's a time to be a doctor, there's a time to be a counselor, there's a time to be a friend. In dealing with patients, you learn to shift your roles. The goal is to help the patient maximize what he can still do," said Dr. Agnes Bausa, PGH-DFCM consultant and PalCare program coordinator.

Tarra Quismundo

METROBRIEFS

Slay suspect falls

ONE OF the suspects in the brutal rape-slay of a 12-year-old student in Bulacan is now in the custody of the National Bureau of Investigation. Nabbed was 27-year-old Rodelio Tamayo, of Poblacion, Plaridel, Bulacan. Tamayo is the first suspect to be arrested for the killing of Ma. Yvette Pontillas, a freshman student at St. James Academy. Pontillas was found dead inside the Catholic Cemetery in Plaridel with 46 stab wounds all over her body. She was still in her school uniform when found last June 28. *Leila Salaverria*

Wrong place

A DRUNK Japanese tourist was held by police after he barged into a police station yesterday morning and accused the policemen there as robbers. Sie-ichi Yamanako, 41, entered the Sta. Monica Police Community Precinct in Manila around 7 a.m. and began his tirade without any provocation. Policemen nabbed Yamanako and later brought him to the Ospital ng Maynila where doctors said he tested positive for alcohol. Charges of breach of peace are being readied against him. *Leila Salaverria*

Zamboanga show

THE DEPARTMENT of Tourism's Intramuros: History Town Philippines presents Hola Zamboanga Peninsula! In Its Best of the Best in Intramuros Aug. 17-30, 2003. Ricardo San Juan, DOT-Western Mindanao (WM) Regional director, is inviting all Zamboangeños, Basileneos and other Western Mindanao natives in Metro Manila to attend the opening of the two-week celebration today at 4 p.m. in Intramuros. For more details, call Girlie at 0918-9213268 or Minda at 0918-9213269.

Shot dead

A TRICYCLE driver who tried to help an Indian national being held up in Quezon City yesterday was shot dead by the suspected robbers. Police investigation showed that the victim, Joseph Ecleo, was plying his route when he saw the suspects holding up Singh Macondray along Suzuarregui Street in Old Balara. Ecleo tried to stop the holdup but was shot two times in the chest. *Tina Santos*

Meralco refund

THE MANILA Electric Company has reported that refund for the company's 567,000 accounts with terminated contracts has already started. Customers in this group include registered residential and general services customers whose services were terminated since February 1994. They must also have had a last complete month's bill of 100 kWh or less. For details, call the refund hotline 632-8888 or 1622-8888 or e-mail refund@meralco.com.ph.

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2 p.m.—UST vs NU (Srs)
4 p.m.—Ateneo vs UE (Srs)
6 p.m.—Ateneo vs NU (Jrs)

By Dennis U. Eroa

FAR Eastern scored the last six points of the game and nipped La Salle anew, 76-74, last night to keep the solo lead in the UAAP men's basketball championship at the Araneta Coliseum.

Dennis Miranda, playing with heavy legs most of the way, buried a booming triple to move FEU within 73-74 and Arwind Santos, deliberately fouled by Manny Ramos, gave the Tams the lead to stay with two free throws, 75-74, with 4.5 seconds left.

Another free throw by Miranda made it 76-74 and La Salle's bid to exact revenge went down the drain when Joseph Yeo's desperate shot from halfcourt didn't even touch the ring.

"God is good," said FEU mentor Koy Banal, whose wards also beat the Archers by the same margin, 74-72, in the first round after a second half comeback.

FEU kept the lead with a 7-1 card, while La Salle dropped to 5-3.

The Archers surged to a 40-23 halftime lead but things started to sour up for La Salle when main man Mark Cardona committed his fourth foul, 7:15 left.

Still the Archers looked in complete control as Joseph Casio hit a trey, 74-66, with 2:48 remaining. But Cardona, who led all scorers with 24 points, fouled out off Rhagnee Sinco with 2:21 remaining to pave the way for FEU's explosive finish.

In the other senior game, Adamson repeated over UP in overtime, 88-66, and improved its record to 4-4. The Maroons, who lost 83-80 to the Falcons in the first round, dropped to the cellar with a 1-7 slate.

Meanwhile, FEU's Santos, last year's rookie of the year, emerged as leader in the MVP statistical race after the first round.

The 6-foot-4 Santos accumulated a total of 68.86 statistical points, ahead of Cardona, who was second with 65.33 points.

In third place was Rey Mendoza of National University with 62 points, followed by Ateneo's Larry Fonacier with 55.57 points. James Yap of the University of the East completed the magic five with 55.43 points.

PLDT vibe is the sponsor of the compilation of statistics which will have a crucial role in selecting this season's MVP. Enrico Villanueva, now with Red Bull Barako, emerged as last year's MVP as he lifted the Eagles to the title.

Completing the top 10 in the SP race are Adamson's Mark Abadia (53.29), Ateneo's Rich Alvarez (52.71), UE's Paul Artadi (50.43), Ateneo's Lewis Tenorio (49.86) and teammate Wesley Gonzales (47.86).

SCORES:

Second game (srs)

ADAMSON 68—Abadia 11, Alonzo 10, Tagupa 10, Bono 9, Cabahug 7, Tiongco 7, Kong 4, Poloyapoy 4, Hate 4, Tajonera 2, Catabay 0.

UP 66—Almada 11, Bornancin 11, Cruz 10, Robin 9, David 6, Tabique 5, Cervantes 4, Ibañes 4, Reyes 3, Buyco 0.

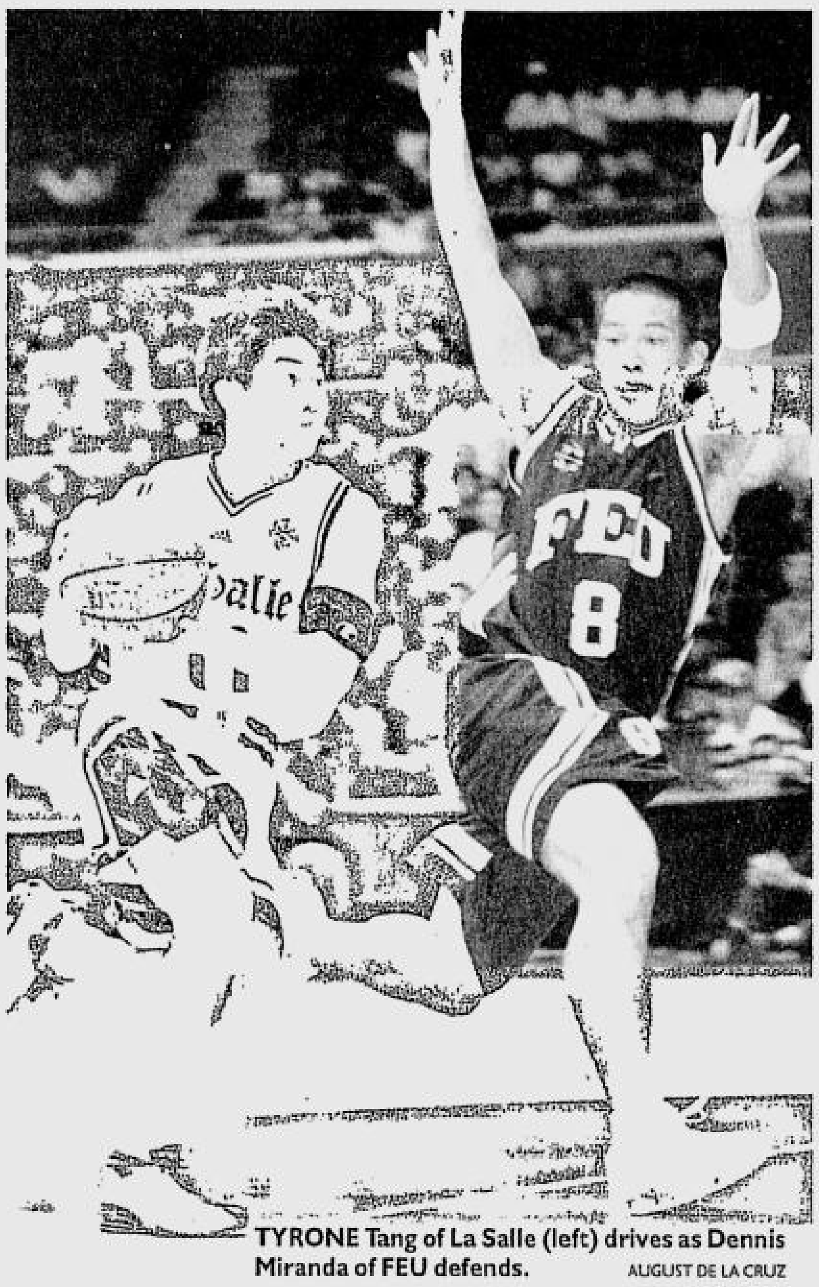
Quarters:12-15; 32-33, 44-50, 60-60, 68-66 (OT).

Third game (srs)

FEU 76—Calli 15, Jones 13, Miranda 13, Santos 9, Isip 8, Sinco 8, Sierra 6, Rizada 4, Zaulan 0, Razon 0.

LA SALLE 74—Cardona 24, Casio 11, Gaco 9, Cabatu 8, Sharma 7, Ramos 6, Yeo 5, Arana 2, Benitez 2, Gatchalian 0, Tang 0.

Quarters: 11-21, 23-40, 54-58, 76-74.



TYRONE Tang of La Salle (left) drives as Dennis Miranda of FEU defends. AUGUST DE LA CRUZ

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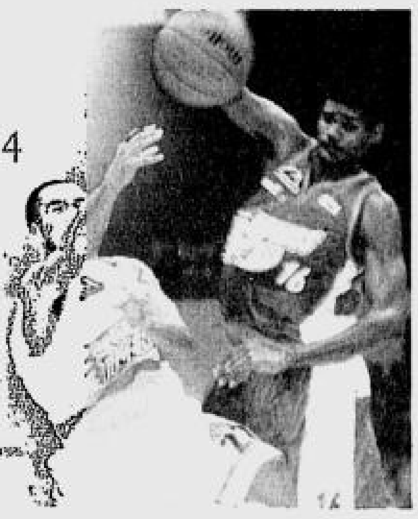

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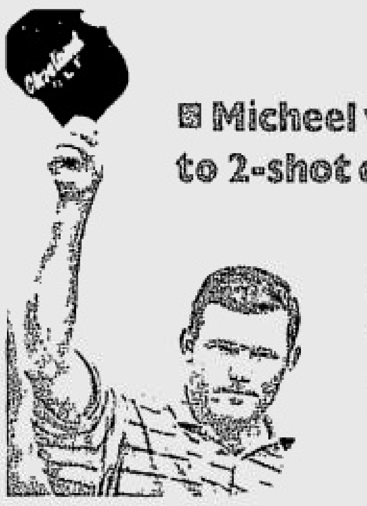

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TENNIS: Western and Southern Financial Group Masters; 7 a.m. (r - 9 p.m.) and 4:30 p.m., Star Sports—Check out the final four competitors outplay each other in Cincinnati, Ohio.

BASKETBALL: WNBA Action: 10 a.m.; ESPN—See the past week's action in the best women's professional basketball league

Pacers vs Lakers, Game 6, 2000 Finals, 11 a.m., Solar Sports—Los Angeles Center Shaquille O'Neal captures his first NBA Championship as the Lakers hold off the Indiana Pacers team in Game 6. O'Neal averages a colossal 38 points and 16.7 rebounds in route to the Most Valuable Player award. Note: O'Neal capped off a season in which he earned "Regular Season MVP,""Playoff MVP," and All-Star MVP," joining Willis Reed (1970) and Michael Jordan (1996, 1998) as the only other players to do so.

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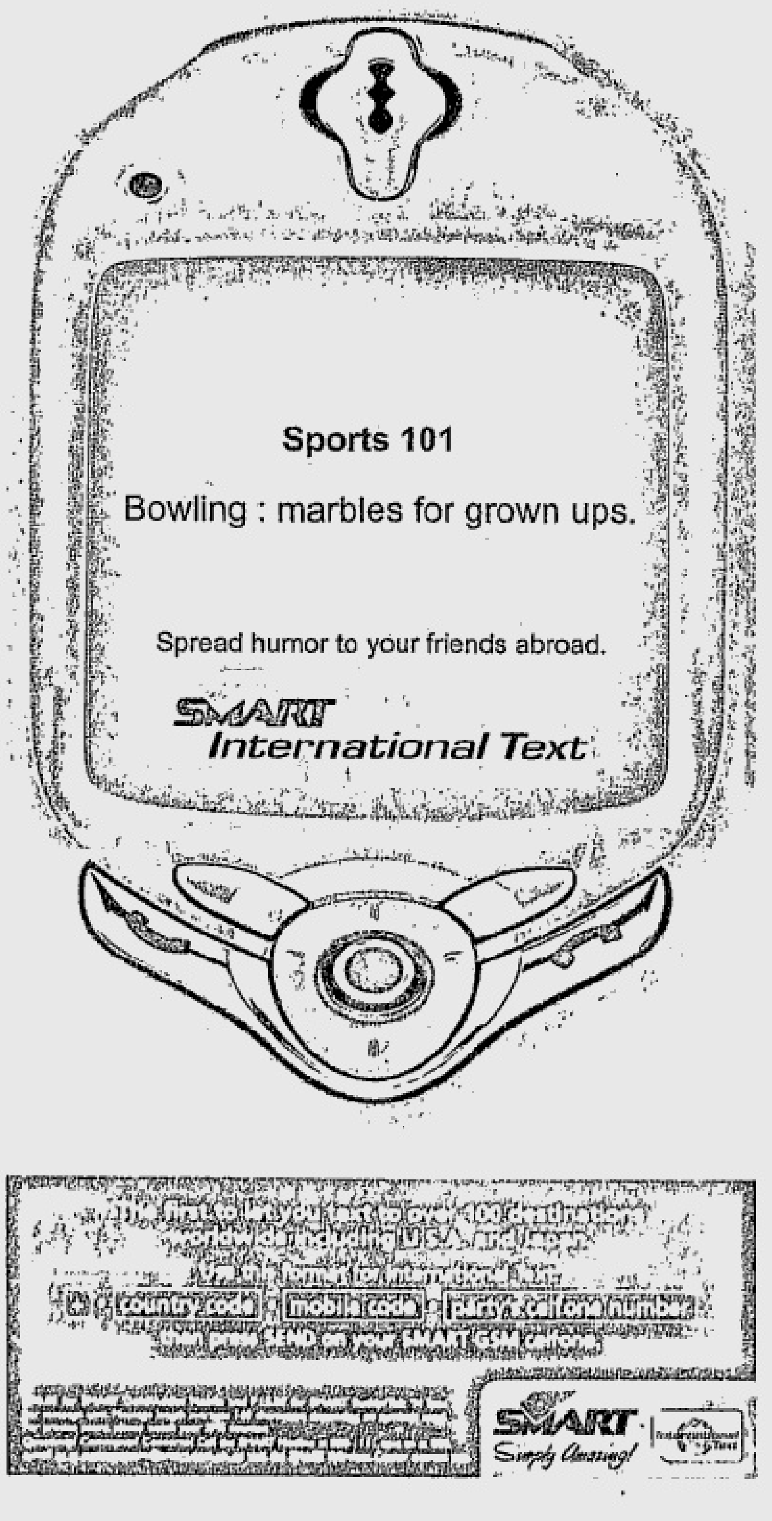

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Aces-Tigers title series on tonight

GAMES TODAY (*Cuneta Astrodome*)
4:00 p.m.—FedEx vs Red Bull
6:30 p.m.—Alaska vs Coca-Cola

By June Navarro

WHILE this is not your regular PBA tournament, Alaska relishes the chance to even up matters with Coca-Cola when they dispute the Samsung-PBA Invitational Championship beginning today at the Cuneta Astrodome.

Scuttled by the Tigers in their All-Filipino title showdown last season, the Aces are determined to return the favor in their best-of-three title series starting at 6:30 p.m.

The FedEx Express and the Red Bull Barako Thunder, booted out by the Tigers and the Aces, respectively, in the semifinals Friday night, decide third place in the appetizer at 4 p.m.

"Yeah, it's an opportunity to get back at Coca-Cola. But I'm more concerned about our match-up with Chot (Reyes) and his men," said Alaska coach Tim Cone moments after beating the Thunder, 95-87.

The Tigers earlier repulsed the Express, 91-83, to advance to the Finals for the third straight conference.

'It's going to be a tough match-up with Coca-Cola. It's not so much with their quickness in the backcourt because it's something we could match," said Cone.

"It's the quickness of their big guys where we have a problem," he added.

How to stop big men like Rudy Hatfield, Rafi Reavis, Rob Wainwright and Edward Juinio will be the problem of the Aces, whose last title came in the 2000 All-Filipino.

Cone said the agility and flexibility of Hatfield and Reavis and the ability of Juinio and Wainwright to shoot threes are major concerns for the Aces.

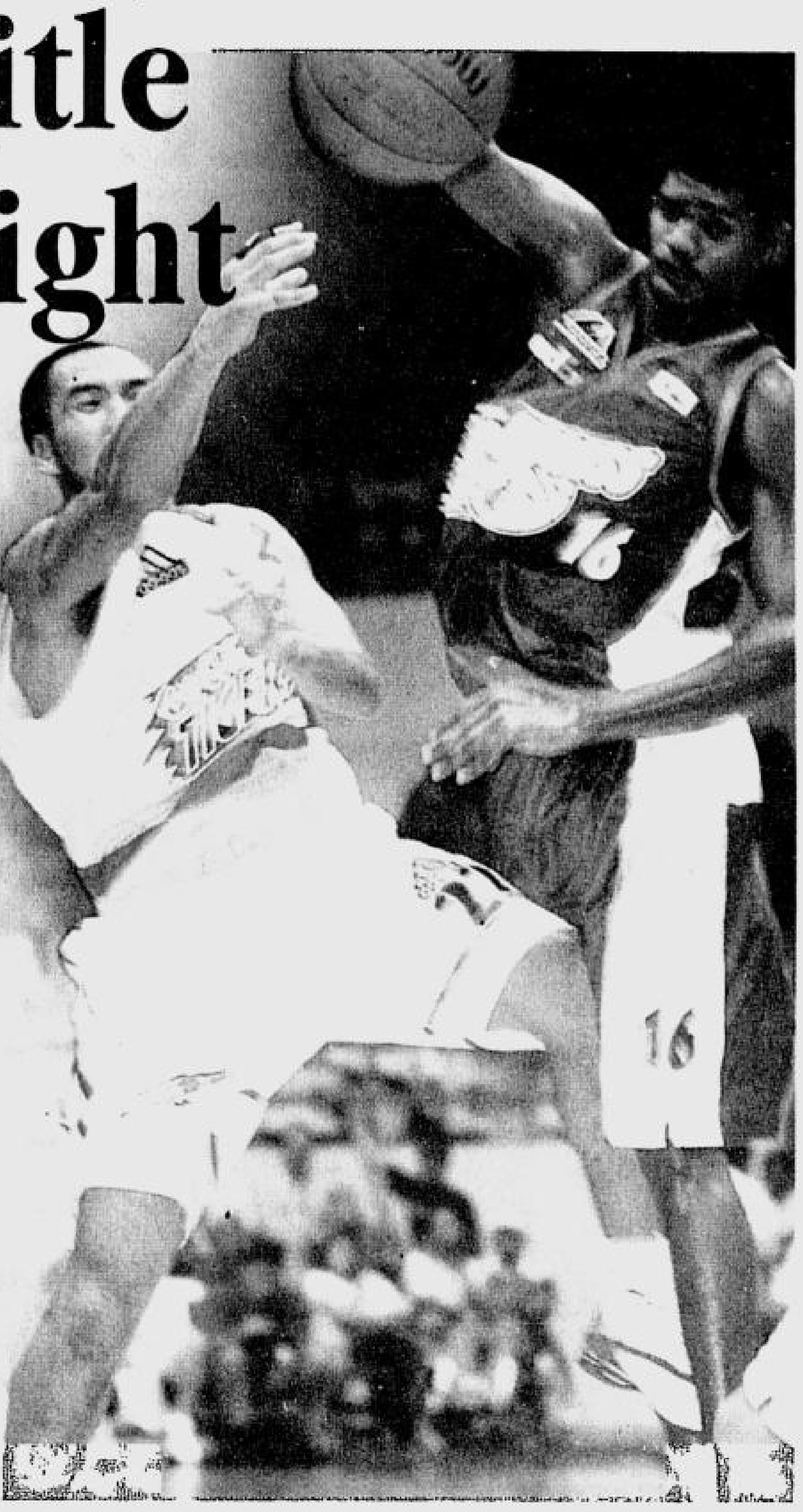
Another cause of worry for Cone is the doubtful status of Don Allado, who hurt his right calf in the third quarter of the Red Bull-Alaska semifinal game.

"Don will be a big factor. He's a versatile defender, he could guard outside and inside and he's always the key defender whenever we play a team like Coke," said Cone.

"Having him out of the lineup, we have to get someone to step up for us not from the offensive standpoint but someone who could grab the rebounds and defend like Don does," he added.

Cone is looking at the 7-foot EJ Feihl and Migs Noble to fill the void while leaving the scoring chores to Ali Peek, John Arigo, Mike Cortez, Rob Duat and even the seldom-used Stephen Padilla.

Padilla, a 5-foot-8 Cebuano playmaker who can also shoot three-pointers, nailed five triples, three of them in the homestretch that helped take the fight out of the Thunder.



FEDEX's Omanzie Rodriguez (right) foils a drive by Coca-Cola's Jeffrey Cariaso in their PBA game won by the Tigers. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Eala bats for Invt'ls retention

WHILE the ongoing Samsung-PBA Invitationals failed to achieve its objective when the three foreign guest teams turned out to be patsies, PBA Commissioner Noli Eala believes the tournament will be a vital component in strengthening the league in the future.

"Although it would have been better if we had a more competitive lineup of foreign teams, we still believe in the concept of the Invitationals," said Eala.

"The Invitationals is something we could build on especially in terms of reshaping the future of the PBA," he added.

Before the Invitationals soared into orbit, Eala harped about the transfer of skills from the foreigners to the locals and the valuable exposure the PBA teams would get from playing the guest squads.

It turned out to be the other way around, however, as the visitors proved way below the caliber of the Filipinos.

The Magnolia-Jilin Yi Qi Tigers of China and Yonsei University of South Korea dropped all their four assignments in the elimination round while Yugoslavia's Fash-Novi Sad finished with only one victory to show at the expense of the Koreans.

"Obviously, it was unexpected and disappointing on our part. The foreign teams were not as competitive as we expected them to be," said Eala. "We scouted the teams before we invited them. On paper, they looked very impressive. But of course, we didn't want to spend more money by sending people just to scout them in China, Korea and Yugoslavia."

Eala said the PBA took the word of the Basketball Association of Philippines, which recommended the three foreign teams.

The RP-Cebuana Lhuillier team preparing for the ABC championship and the SEA Games competed in the Invitationals as a guest squad and helped expose the quality of the visiting teams by downing the Chinese. *June Navarro*

Dayrit to clarify vital issues in Vietnam visit

By Marc Anthony Reyes

PHILIPPINE Olympic Committee president Celso Dayrit is leaving for Vietnam late this month to clarify some issues vital to the Philippine campaign in the Southeast Asian Games slated there Dec. 5-13.

Along with chief of mission Julian Camacho, Dayrit will be making several technical inquiries regarding several sports disciplines, among them the weight categories in combat sports like boxing which have not been updated.

They will also make an ocular inspection of the playing and billeting venue provided for the Philippines in the light of a plan by organizers to book all athletes of a particular sport in a single hotel.

"They have many questions to ask because the organizers haven't sent communications yet to the participating countries," said POC spokesman Gus Villanueva, adding that even the media accreditation forms have yet to arrive.

Dayrit said he would try to convince Vietnam to revert back to the usual practice of billeting countries in a single hotel or group of hotels to make communications and transportation easier.

If Vietnam insists on booking the athletes by sport, SEA Games technical commission chief Steve Hontiveros said the RP contingent would have to bring in more staff members to Vietnam and increase the size of the delegation.

Meanwhile, Dayrit said they might adopt the pledging session scheme—used recently by the First Gentleman Foundation—to raise funds for the 2005 SEA Games which the country will host.

"What happened was a very good sign because we could use that awareness among our private sector partners to generate support when the country takes its turn to host the Games," Dayrit said, referring to the fund-drive which yielded P24,250,000 last Friday.

The POC president added that interest in Philippine sports would all the more heighten if the country ends up among the top three in Vietnam.

However, he refused to make any predictions of the country's possible golden haul although the POC, in coordination with the First Gentleman Foundation and the Philippine Sports Commission, has already pinpointed 85 athletes from 17 sports as strong medal contenders.

Former Toyota cager hacked

OSCAR Rocha, a former PBA player with the now defunct Toyota team, was seriously injured after he was hacked in the head with a bolo by his neighbor in Quezon City yesterday.

Rocha, 55, of 76 Detroit Street, Barangay Pinagkaisahan, Cubao, Quezon City, was in critical condition at the St. Luke's Medical Center after he sustained a deep cut in the head.

Police identified the suspect as Demetrio Cagampan IV, 58, a stock broker who lives a few houses away from Rocha. He was arrested by members of the barangay security and development group. Cagampan is now detained at the Central Police District Office Station 10 facing charges of frustrated murder.

Tina Santos

HOHMANN: German hitman

Pool champ Hohmann has Filipino relatives

By Roy Luarca

DID you know that Thorsten Hohmann, Germany's newly crowned world pool champion, has Philippine connections?

The 24-year-old Hohmann revealed recently that his first cousins are half-Filipinos and are, in fact, Django Bustamante fans. Hohmann said they are the children of his uncle who is married to a Filipina.

That Hohmann's German-Filipino cousins are Bustamante fans is hardly surprising.

Bustamante, who became $50,000 (P2.7 million) richer by topping the just concluded International Challenge of Champions in Connecticut, USA, is actually based in Kiel, Germany where he manages a billiards hall.

Hohmann, who nipped Bustmante, 11-10, in the world pool quarterfinals in Cardiff, Wales, made the disclosure about his Filipino relatives in his reply to the invitation of sportsman Aristeo Puyat for him to play in a tournament to be held in Manila sometime in October.

It is likely that Hohmann and Bustamante will face each other in future tournaments again, such as the World Pool Masters in Holland on Aug. 29-31 where they are both entered.

If that happens, Hohmann's cousins will again have to choose whom to root for.

It's Red Ribbon Sunday

WITHOUT DOUBT, Red Ribbon football has become the backbone of "Under-14 football" in the country this year. This Sunday, Red Ribbon takes the game closer to enthusiasts when it hosts simultaneous football festivals around the metropolis. Kick off's at the Ateneo-Katipunan pitch, San Beda in Mendiola and Southridge pitch over at Alabang are all set at 9 a.m. Red Ribbon officials have seen to it that all goes as planned in the tournament organized by the Philippine Football Federation.

Today's matches pit Ateneo against Magat Salamat B and De La Salle Zobel against Magat Salamat A at the Katipunan pitch; San Beda against Claret and Don Bosco Makati against Lourdes at the Don Bosco pitch; Southridge against Don Bosco Tondo United and La Salle Greenhills against Marist at the Southridge, Alabang pitch.

Alumnae-DLSU final

ALUMNAE FC and De La Salle University dispute the Samsung Ladies Open football crown at 3 p.m. today at the Nomad pitch in Merville, Parañaque.

Coach Hans Smit will be banking on star defender Andrea Yang, back from injury, skipper Mariel Benitez, Andrea Sevilla and star striker Inna Alejandro.

Alumnae FC, the defending NCR and National Women's Champion, has a deeper bench that coach Braxton can call up.

Eulogy for vanguard of creativity

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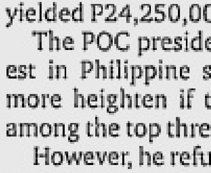


Al S. Mendoza

DIGNITY isn't the only thing dead in the PBA. Creativity, too.

The PBA, the Vatican of Philippine basketball, has become Bolshevik.

By Vatican, we mean respect, the summit of excellence, the model of everything good.

By Bolshevik, we mean disrespect, the apex of anarchy, the model of everything chaotic.

The fans have shied away from the PBA because the league has been dishing out undignified fare with alarming regularity. So disgusted are the fans with what they've been seeing since Day One of the 2003 season that not even the lowering of ticket prices could lure them back to the arena. Free admission would not even suffice.

Who wants to watch crap to begin with?

You can't go on insulting the intelligence of this basketball republic and get away with it. No basketball taste in the world is as discriminating as the Pinoy's.

You can line up all the rebels against the wall and next shoot them at will, leader or no leader. You can kill all the rebels in the PBA, but not their thoughts.

You can exact a fine as huge as the nation's budget deficit on players and coaches perceived as making a mockery of the rules. You can make people jobless, penniless even, but an empty stomach is no guarantee of absolute surrender.

Only those afraid of change cannot move forward. They live so blissfully in peace that to rock the boat would mean, to them, unwarranted turbulence.

Only those afraid of change are the comfortable lot. Name me a filthy rich or a tycoon who ever accepted a labor union with open arms?

Only those unafraid of change can reap tomorrow's harvest. As Reagan said, "The future belongs only to the brave."

Was Commissioner Eala brave when he fined Talk 'N Talk P250,000 "for compromising the interest of the league?"

No. Eala was coward as a sewer rat when he did that because he hated TNT's guts for coming up with a novel idea. Since when did a team wanting to win a game "compromising the interest of the league?" If it tried not to win the game, expel TNT and I would applaud.

Was Commissioner Eala brave when he fined TNT coach Ariel Vanguardia P50,000 "for the inimical statements he made after the game won by the Phone Pals, 88-87?"

No. Eala was coward as a sewer rat when he did that because he hated Vanguardia's frankness. Vanguardia was acting like Eratosthenes. Eratosthenes (275-194 BC) was the Greek mathematician and astronomer who was mocked to high heavens when he first broached the idea that the world was round; back then, everybody believed that the world was flat.

Eala has unjustly punished Vanguardia for merely displaying his uncanny ability to dish out creativity in trying to extract a win for TNT.

Instead of feting Vanguardia as the league vanguard of creativity, Eala penalized Vanguardia for having "mocked the rules of the game."

I must reiterate my disagreement to that.

I must emphasize once more my stand that Vanguardia merely showed a creative way of extracting a win under the most difficult conditions. He was merely reacting to a defective format with a creative mind in a bid to snatch a win from the jaws of defeat.

And he gets fined for that? Canned for five games, too?

What if Vanguardia got away with that? Meaning, TNT went on to win by 8 points over Red Bull Barako in overtime? Would Eala have the win annulled?

Every game has a provision for overtime. Vanguardia viewed that as another chance to pull out a win. Was he not perfectly within the rules of the game when he tried his best to force an overtime?

Following Eala's logic, is it not also a mockery of the rules when a coach orders his player to intentionally miss a free throw, because the intention of a fired shot is to sink it and not intentionally miss it?

Defeat stared Vanguardia in the face in those controversial, if not historic, minutes. As a coach, it was his duty to invent ways and means to reverse the situation.

By golly, he played it by the rules using the rules of the game. He knew the penalties but, like Braveheart, he was willing to take them if only to achieve his desired result.

If you come down to it, Vanguardia never broke any rule. Look, he did not order his boys to surrender the ghost even if it appeared that the fight seemed lost. He was like the Robert Jaworski of old: Never say die.

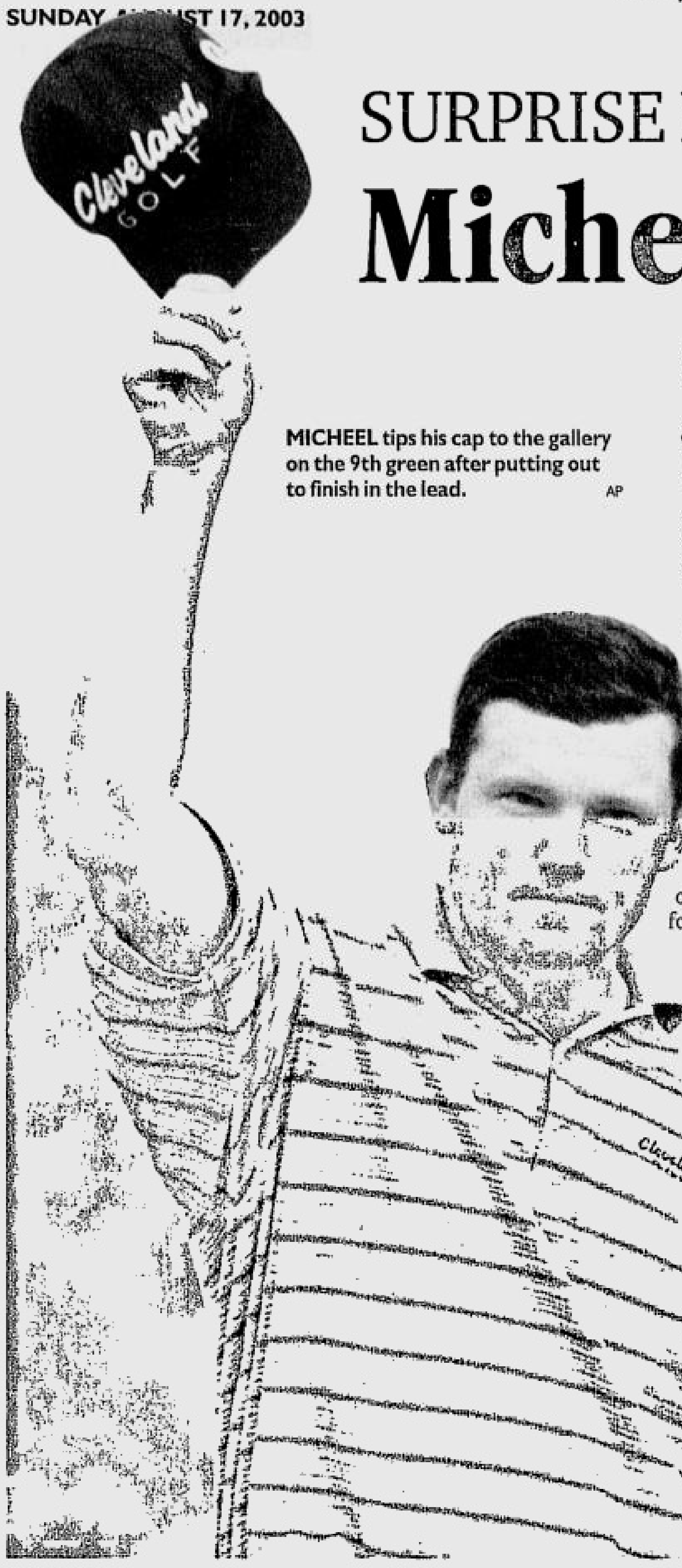
Vanguardia wanted TNT to win and not because he wanted to sell the game, which would have merited his instant expulsion. He must be given a Medal of Valor for what he did. Not fined. Not canned.

Oh, yes, prepare the eulogy.

Creativity is dead in the PBA.

SURPRISE PGA LEADER

Micheel vaults to 2-shot edge



MICHEEL tips his cap to the gallery on the 9th green after putting out to finish in the lead. AP

ROCHESTER, New York— Move over, Ben Curtis.

Shaun Micheel, the latest surprise in a major, made four birdies in his final five holes Friday in the PGA Championship to take a two-stroke lead into the weekend at Oak Hill.

He still has two rounds left on the toughest PGA Championship course in 23 years. And he still has plenty of players within range—but none named Tiger Woods.

"It's obviously way too early," Micheel said after a 2-under 68, matching the best score of the second round. "But if I continue to hit the ball as well as I did off the tee, I don't see any reason why I can't be around."

Unlike Curtis, a rookie who won the British Open in his first crack at a major, Micheel has played on the PGA Tour the last four years and has two majors under his belt, missing the cut both times.

Still, his name atop the leaderboard was the only thing that made the PGA Championship feel like the Grand Slam event known for producing first-time major winners.

For everyone else, it seemed like the US Open.

Masters champion Mike Weir was leading by two strokes until he made bogey on the final two holes for a 71. Joining him at 1-under 139 was Billy Andrade, who overcame four bogeys in a five-hole stretch and shot 72.

No one else was under par at Oak Hill, which lived up to its reputation as one of the toughest tests in the US majors.

"This will be a survival test to the end," Fred Funk said.

Micheel was at 3-under 137, the highest 36-hole lead in relation to par in the PGA Championship since it last paid a visit to Oak Hill in 1980. The cut was at 8-over, also the highest for a PGA since it was 9-over that same year.

None of that seemed to faze Micheel, who holed a 25-foot birdie putt on No. 8 and finished off his memorable day with a 7-iron into 8 feet on his final hole.

"I hit some nice shots and made some nice putts coming in," he said.

Woods could hardly say the same.

Unable to control his short irons, Woods' wedge into the 482-yard closing hole went long into the gnarly rough, and he looked away in disbelief. No sooner was his chip in the air than Woods flung his club at the bag.

He bogeyed the 16th and 18th, shot 2-over 72 and was nine strokes behind. For the second straight day, he refused to speak with reporters.

Phil Mickelson had two double bogeys in a round of 75, dropping him four shots out of the lead. Still, he was well within range of a major that has eluded him the last 10 years.

"That's kind of a 'glass half-empty, glass half-full' question, and I'm going to go with half-full," Mickelson said. "I'm a couple of shots off the lead heading into the weekend, and I feel like I'm playing pretty well."

Twelve of the last 15 players to win the PGA Championship had never won a major, and any number of players fit that mold going into the weekend.

Rod Pampling of Australia, who shared the first-round lead with Mickelson, had two double bogeys on his first five holes. Unlike the 1999 British Open, when he went from a first-round lead to missing the cut, the former greenskeeper recovered.

He took two shots to get out of a fairway bunker on the 18th, then holed out from 144 yards for par to shoot 74 and reach even-par 140.

Along with Mickelson, the group at 1-over 141 included three-time major winner Ernie Els, despite a double bogey by the Big Easy on his final hole.

"I really wanted to get to red numbers by the end of the day, and I almost did that," Els said after a 69. "I have two rounds to go, and I'm here for the weekend. I have a chance."

He and everyone else.

Five others were at 141, none of them major winners. The half-dozen guys at 142 included Vijay Singh and two-time US Open champion Lee Janzen. *AP*

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In the news

A serving of 7 questions, from easiest to toughest, each with a corresponding point value. Can you score a perfect 100 (or, at least, beat the other 'sports genius/geniuses' beside you)?

1 > 3 Pts.
☐ True /☐ False: Celson Dayrit is the current president of the Philippine Olympic Committee.

2 > 5 Pts.
Name the chairman of the Senate Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports who has recommended the deportation of several 'Fil-shams' playing in the PBA.
☐ Robert Jaworski
☐ Robert Barbers

3 > 7 Pts.
Which country is hosting the Asian Basketball Confederation men's championship scheduled from September 23 to October 1?
☐ Malaysia
☐ China
☐ South Korea

4 > 10 Pts.
Which won The International in Castle Rock, Colorado, by amassing 46 points in the modified Stableford scoring system?
☐ Retief Goosen (South Africa)
☐ Vijay Singh (Fiji)
☐ Davis Love III (USA)

5 > 20 Pts.
Who became the world's No. 1 female tennis player after winning the JPMorgan Chase Open in Carson, California?
☐ Justine Henin-Hardenne (Belgium)
☐ Lindsay Davenport (USA)
☐ Kim Clijsters (Belgium)
☐ Venus Williams (USA)

6 > 25 Pts.
Who became the first man to capture five individual titles at the recent United States Swimming Championships in College Park, Maryland?
☐ Michael Phelps
☐ Mark Gangloff
☐ Morgan Johnson
☐ Mickey Grimes

7 > 30 Pts.
Name the Greek super grandmaster who's the top seed in next month's Subic International Chess Tournament.

ANSWERS/ A26

Another frustrating day leaves Woods 9 behind

ROCHESTER, New York—A woman standing behind him fainted—and that was before Tiger Woods hit his first shot of the day. Considering how many thrills and spills lay ahead, maybe she knew the right time to jump off the bandwagon.

It's a good thing Woods' scorecard Friday didn't have pictures on it. En route to a 72 that left him nine strokes off the pace set by leader Shaun Micheel, he made only one birdie and three bogeys, but there was nothing routine about any of his 14 pars, either.

The debate over whether the world's best golfer is mired in a slump has divided golf for the past two months, beginning in earnest the week before the US Open. Nothing definitive has happened over the first two days of the PGA Championship to end it, but anybody on either side looking to bolster their argument had plenty more ammunition.

As for Woods, his comment was "Clackety-clack."

Actually, that was the sound his metal-tipped spikes made as he walked out of the scoring room still fuming and brushed past reporters for the second straight day.

On the plus side, Woods' on-course manners improved considerably from Day One.

Gone were the foul-mouthed, club-slamming tirades of Thursday, though Woods nearly beaned fellow player Carl Pettersson on No. 14. He teed off and almost drove the green on the 323-yard, par 4-hole while the Swede was still standing over a putt. Woods almost certainly apologized to Pettersson for the breach of golfing etiquette—but we can only assume that.

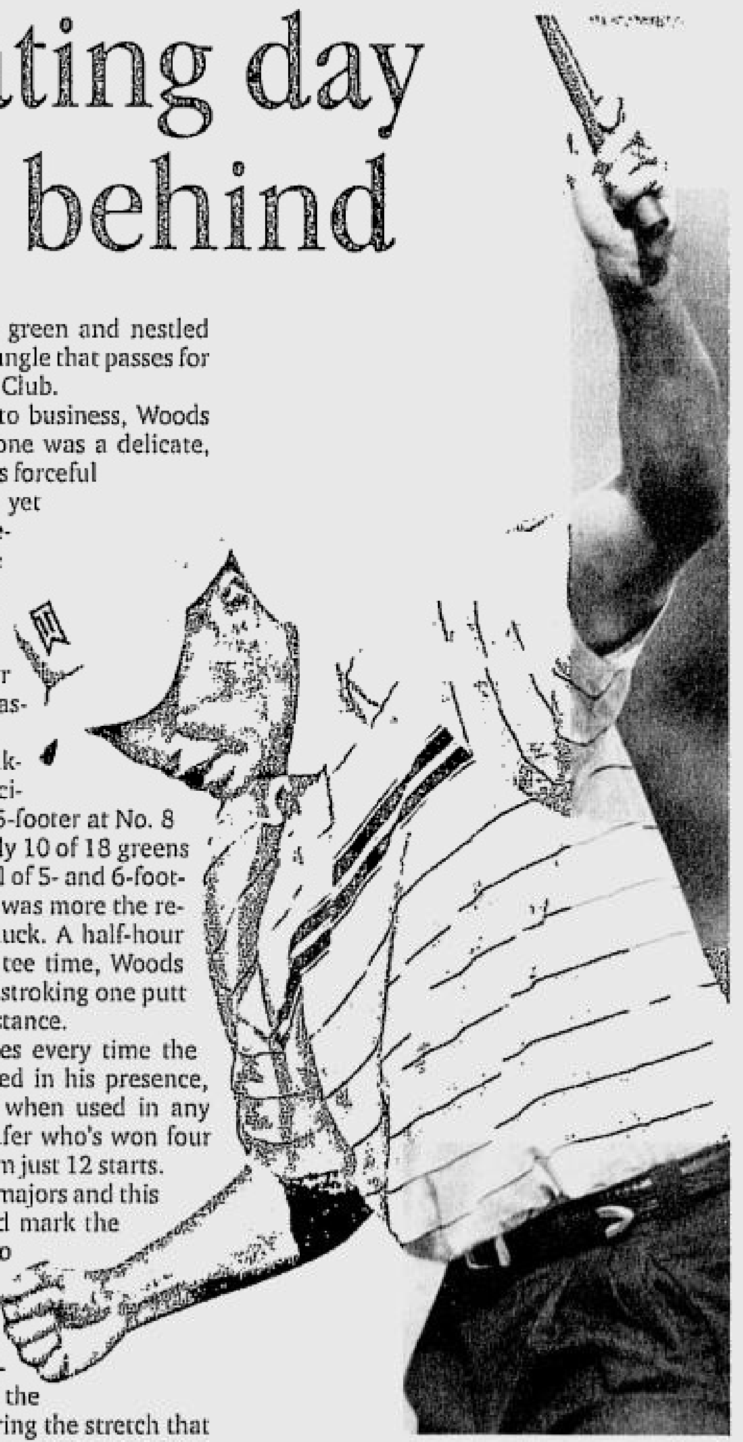
He did crack a smile briefly, though it likely was an ironic one after arriving at his ball on the par-3 third. Though his tee shot touched down within a few feet of the flag, the ball wound up rolling off the green and nestled down in the 8-inch-deep jungle that passes for rough at Oak Hill Country Club.

Once he settled down to business, Woods hit a brilliant shot. This one was a delicate, dead-handed chip that was forceful enough to free the ball, yet soft enough to stop it barely 12 feet from where he was standing. Woods must have been thrilled to escape with par after pouring in a 5-footer for par—but we can only assume that, too.

More certain is that making the putt wasn't an accident. Woods rolled in a 25-footer at No. 8 to save one par, but hit only 10 of 18 greens and had to make a handful of 5- and 6-footers to save the rest. But it was more the result of preparation than luck. A half-hour before his late-afternoon tee time, Woods was on the practice green stroking one putt after another from that distance.

Woods positively bristles every time the word "slump" is mentioned in his presence, and it sounds ridiculous when used in any sentence directed at a golfer who's won four times on the PGA Tour from just 12 starts.

But none of them were majors and this PGA Championship would mark the sixth straight—dating to last year's US Open—that Woods has failed to take home the trophy. Because he spoiled his audience by winning seven of the 11 Grand Slam events during the stretch that preceded it, Woods' critics have no problem calling the glass half-empty. *AP*



WOODS reacts as he recovers par on his difficult eighth hole. REUTERS

Second round scores

137--Shaun Micheel 69 68

139--Billy Andrade 67 72, Mike Weir 68 71

140--Rod Pampling 66 74

141--Chad Campbell 69 72, Jose Coceres 73 68, Ernie Els 71 70, Tim Herron 69 72, Phil Mickelson 66 75, Tom Pernice 70 71, Adam Scott 72 69

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146--Aaron Baddeley 69 77, Ben Crane 73 73, Niclas Fasth 76 70, Carlos Franco 73 73, Jim Furyk 72 74, JL Lewis 71 75, Rocco Mediate 72 74, Rory Sabbatini 71 75, Hal Sutton 75 71, Tiger Woods 74 72 *Reuters*

Jenny drops to 11th; Diaz still up

JENNY Rosales goes where the putter leads her to.

Rosales could only shoot a 1-under-par 70 despite another day of solid ball striking, dropping to 11th place after the second round Friday of the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic at the Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania, Ohio.

The 24-year-old Rosales hit 15 greens but did not gain ground on the leader as she lost her putting touch, falling seven shots behind Laura Diaz with a 139 aggregate for 36 holes.

Diaz was at 132, 10-under par, after she fired a 67 to lead Hee-Won Han, the hottest player on tour with two victories, a runner-up finish and earnings of more than $500,000 in the last four weeks, by three strokes.

Teen prodigy Michelle Wie, showing signs of fatigue, scored a 72 and missed her first cut in five LPGA events this year.

Play was delayed in the afternoon for nearly 2 1/2 hours by a thunderstorm and it almost spelled trouble for Rosales, who missed two approach shots although she managed to save par on both occasions.

Those bad approaches came after she had hit all but one of the first 15 greens, shooting birdies on the first, sixth and ninth. Rosales missed the green on the seventh and took a bogey.

After making just 27 putts in the opening round, Rosales was back to her normal number yesterday—31. And that's the figure to break if she is to end her long search for a breakthrough win.

Diaz was pleased with her long game but not too happy with her putting. It was just the opposite a day earlier when she opened with a 65 on the 6,408-yard Highland Meadows Golf Club.

"Hopefully, the next two days I can get them both working," she said.

Han said she's been feeling less pressure since winning the Big Apple Classic last month for her first tour victory.

"I've got my confidence and it makes me play well," she said after a 67. Han also won last week at the Wendy's Championship in Ohio.

Jong Arcano

Fleisher ahead

EAST MEADOW, New York—Bruce Fleisher made four straight birdies on the front nine and eight overall as he shot a bogey-free, tournament-record 62 on Friday for the first-round lead in the PGA Champions Tour's Long Island Classic.

Fleisher, who won the event in 1999 and 2000, holds a two-shot lead over Bob Gilder, who was also bogey-free with a 64. *AP*

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Asean jr qualifying on today at Villamor

RAIN or shine, a special qualifying tournament for the four slots to next month's Asean Junior Golf Championship 2003 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia will be held today at the Villamor Golf Club course. Tee-off time is set at 12 noon.

Terence Macatangay, surprise winner of his division in the Desert Junior Classic in Palm Springs, California last July, heads the entries vying for inclusion in the official team representing the Philippines in Asean Challenge Trophy in the Malaysian trip set Sept. 10-12 at the Bunga Raya course of the famous Saujana Golf and Country Club.

The 18-hole event will also coincide with the final round of the Samsung school season tournament for August, the first round of which was held last week at the Orchard and the Riviera executive courses.

Gerry Handog, president of the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines, said that the invitation was extended by the Malaysian Golf Association for an event that will replace the Asia-Pacific championships this year. The As-Pac was supposed to be held in Indonesia but was cancelled due to the SARS crisis.

"We're conducting the qualifying due to time constraints. We already need to send the names of the official entries," said Handog.

Standouts

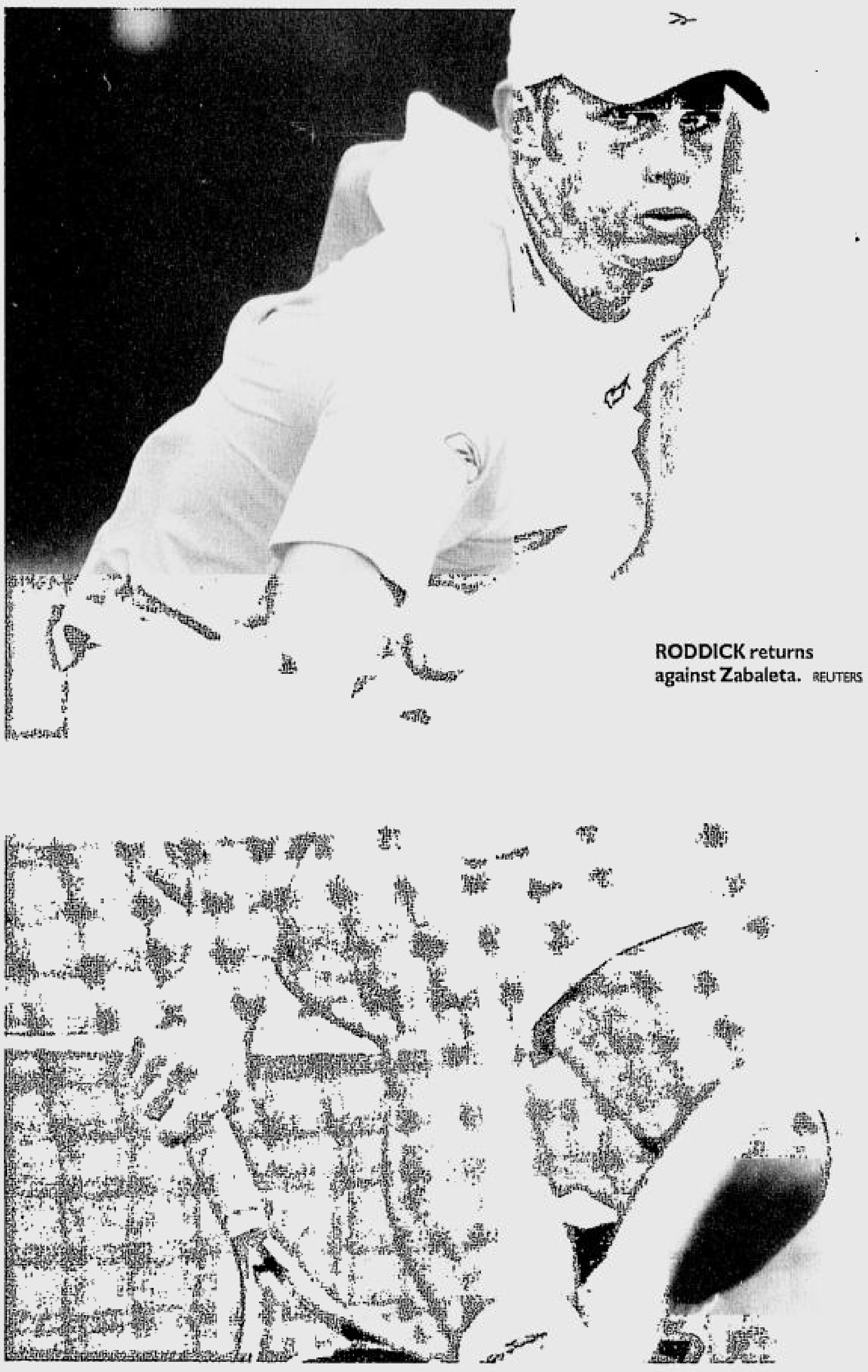
Meanwhile, Marlo Capinianes will be out to corner his second school season title after grabbing the Class A lead at the Orchard.

IG Gutierrez is showing the way in Class B and Korean Sun Bin Yoon is ahead in Class C. Cyna Marie Rodriguez is on top in girls Class C and Andrea Legaspi is the girls Class D frontrunner.

Over at the 9-hole Riviera executive course, Legrand Buan and Andrea Legaspi, the newcomer who was a big revelation in the US campaign, are the leaders in Class D and Jason Buen and Felicia Medalla are ahead in Class E. *Jong Arcano*

CINCINNATI MASTERS

Easy does it for Roddick



RODDICK returns against Zabaleta. REUTERS

MASON, OhioSeventh-seeded Andy Roddick easily advanced to the semifinals at the Cincinnati Masters, defeating Argentine Mariano Zabaleta, 6-1, 6-2, Friday.

Roddick, who won his first Masters Series title in Montreal on Sunday, is going for his second straight hard-court victory heading into the US Open. The American was cheered on by the crowd.

"That has a lot to do with playing in the States," said Roddick, who is on the verge of rock-star cult status and won't turn 21 until Aug. 30, a couple days after the US Open begins.

In another match, Max Mirnyi waited out a rain delay and then upset No. 6 seed Guillermo Coria 6-2, 7-5. The unseeded Mirnyi won despite two rain delays totaling almost three hours. Only two of the 16 seeds are still in the tournament.

In the other quarterfinals, No. 8 Rainer Schuettler beat Robby Ginepri, 6-2, 6-3, in an evening match. Mardy Fish beat David Nalbandian, 7-6 (3), 6-3, in the last match of the night.

Roddick plays Mirnyi in one semifinal Saturday. Schuettler will meet Fish in the other. If either Roddick or Schuettler do not advance to Sunday's final, it will be the first time since unseeded Chris Lewis in 1981 that two seeded players did not make it that far. Lewis lost to No. 1 John McEnroe 6-3, 6-4.

ZABALETA AP

Mirnyi, who plays a strong serve-and-volley game, thought it would be difficult for a baseline-playing Argentine to handle.

"I wanted to continue pressing," Mirnyi said. "If I made my game work today, I was going to have a good chance."

The match was stopped because of rain the first time with Mirnyi leading, 6-2, 2-2, but only for 28 minutes. Then, serving 6-2, 5-5, it began to rain again as Mirnyi and Coria played out a final point, seemingly won by Mirnyi before the players ran off the court. *AP*

Russian ousts Amelie

TORONTO—Amelie Mauresmo's bid for a second straight Rogers AT&T Cup title ended Friday night when she was ousted from the quarterfinals by Elena Dementieva of Russia.

"I was very motivated today, especially because the last time she beat me 6-0, 6-0," Dementieva said.

This time, ninth-seeded Dementieva took No. 3 Mauresmo, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Also advancing to the semifinals were No. 2 Justin Henin-Hardenne and unseeded players Paola Suarez and Lina Krasnoroutskaya.

Henin-Hardenne faces Dementieva. Krasnoroutskaya, who ousted world No. 1 Kim Clijsters earlier in the tournament, meets Suarez.

The 10,000-seat center court at the National Tennis Center was three-quarters full for the evening match between Mauresmo and Dementieva despite the absence of public transit and advisories to avoid non-essential travel following the previous day's massive power blackout.

Public scoreboards that weren't functioning the day before at the tournament were up and running Friday.

Mauresmo has battled knee and rib injuries this season. *AP*

Luzvimin Cup starts Aug. 20

EIGHTEEN clubs led by defending division champions Sta. Elena, Villamor and Manila Golf are seeing action in the 11th Luzvimin Invitational of the Women's Golf Association of the Philippines slated Aug. 20-22 at the Cebu Country Club course.

Sta. Elena will be eyeing a repeat in the premier Diamond division, Villamor will be out to defend the Ruby division while Manila Golf will be seeking a back-to-back feat in the Pearl division.

Sponsoring this year's tourney are the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Philippine Sports Commission, San Miguel, Coca-Cola and Philippine Airlines which is also the official carrier.

There are 136 players who have registered so far for one of the biggest events in the WGAP calendar.

Some of the players participating are former national players Lina de Guzman, Lucy Landicho, Carmelette Villaroman and Lora Roberto.

Meanwhile, after five legs of the WGAP Circuit, Alabang is leading the race for berths to the season-ending WGAP Cup.

Alabang had won three Class C titles and one each in Class A and Class B for 26 points.

Villamor is running second with 13 points after winning Class B thrice and Class A once while Sta. Elena and Wack Wack are third and fourth, respectively, with 11 and 10 points. Forest Hills (9) ranks fifth, then Southwoods (8), Aguinaldo (6), Malarayat (3), Navy (2), and Riviera (2).

Reds trip Astros

CINCINNATI—Adam Dunn hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 10th inning as the Cincinnati Reds rallied for a 9-7 victory Friday that knocked the Houston Astros out of first place.

Houston has lost four in a row, matching its worst slump of the season, and fallen out of the top spot in the NL Central for the first time since July 7. The Astros, who are a half-game behind the Chicago Cubs, hadn't lost four straight since June 23-27.

A day after they ended a 16-game losing streak against Arizona, the Reds broke a 10-game skid against the Astros by getting yet another game-ending hit.

D'Angelo Jimenez led off the 10th with a single off Brad Lidge (4-3). One out later, Dunn hit his 27th homer into the Astros' bullpen in right, his first RBI since July 30. *AP*

Traditional powers rule PanAm

Argentina, Brazil top soccer; US swimmers sparkle

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic—Argentina and Brazil split soccer golds, Cuba started to dominate in boxing and the United States won most of the medals in swimming at the Pan American Games.

Brazil played for gold Friday in both the men's and women's soccer finals, but Argentina took the men's title 1-0 while Brazil topped Canada 2-1 in extra time for the women's title.

Striker Maximiliano Lopez scored for the Argentine men, who won the gold for the seventh time. Cristiane Silva scored a golden goal just 21 seconds into extra time for the Brazilian women.

ARGENTINE players celebrate as they win the gold medal final against Brazil. REUTERS

"I was simply in the right place at the right time," Silva said before chanting, "Beautiful Brazil! Beautiful Brazil!"

Miraildes Mota gave Brazil a 1-0 lead, but Canada captain Kristina Kiss equalized.

The match was postponed from Thursday, when heavy rain left the pitch waterlogged and unplayable after 24 minutes.

Mexico won both bronze medals. The Mexican men beat Colombia 5-4 in a penalty shootout after a 0-0 draw, and the women topped Argentina 4-1.

Cuba took four of six boxing golds with Yan Bartelemi, Guillermo Rigondeaux, Mario Kindelan and Lorenzo Aragon each winning. In the other two bouts, Cubans lost to Rudecindo Goben of Mexico and Jason Estrada of the United States.

In the swimming pool, the United States also won four of the six gold medals offered.

American Michael Raab won the men's 200 butterfly in 1 minute, 57.33 seconds, a Pan American Games record, while Peter Marshall won the men's 100 backstroke in 55.52. *AP*

Blackout postpones US 5 game

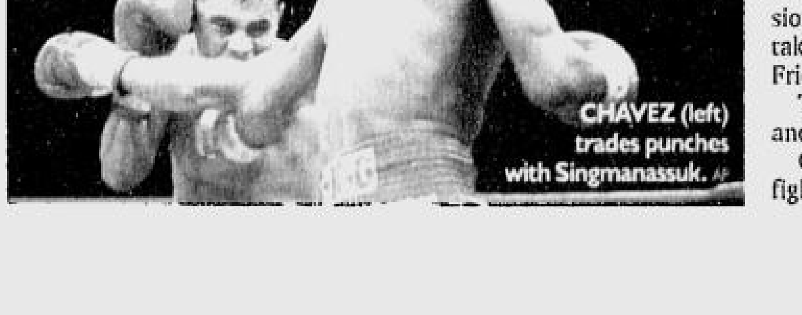
WASHINGTON—The massive power outage that has spread from the United States eastern seaboard to the Great Lakes and to Canada forced the postponement of more sporting events.

The first casualty was the exhibition basketball game between Team USA and Puerto Rico at Madison Square Garden in New York, which was rescheduled for Sunday.

Next was the Canadian Football League game in Ontario, Canada between the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and Montreal Alouettes. The Canadian gridiron game was pushed back to Saturday.

Two events in New York were called off Thursday, including a Major League Baseball game between the New York Mets and San Francisco Giants at Shea Stadium.

The Mets were to host the Colorado Rockies on Friday night, but team spokesperson Jay Horwitz said no decision has been made on whether or not the game would be played. *AFP*



CHAVEZ (left) trades punches with Singmanassuk. AP

Chavez seizes WBC title

AUSTIN, Texas—Jesus "El Matador" Chavez won a unanimous 12-round decision over Sirimongkol Singmanassuk to take the WBC superfeatherweight title on Friday night.

Two judges scored the bout 117-11 and another had it 118-110.

Chavez (40-2, 28 KOs) controlled the fight from the outset, outpunching Singmanassuk with a flurry of shots to the head in the first two rounds.

Singmanassuk (43-2, 26 KOs) of Thailand tried to use his counter-punching style to offset the aggressive Chavez but his punches landed few and far between.

Both fighters weighed in at the maximum allowed 130 pounds (59 kilograms). AP

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Mutola wins, nears $1-M cash payoff

ZURICH, Switzerland—Maria Mutola won her fifth successive 800-meter race in the Golden League series at the Weltklasse meet on Friday, and retained hopes for the biggest payday of her life.

Mutola, the only athlete still eligible for the US$1-million Golden League jackpot, led the two-lap race from start to finish, crossing in 1 minute, 59.93 seconds, and an easy three meters ahead of archrival Stephanie Graf.

Mutola needs a sixth and final victory on Sept. 5 in Brussels to walk away with the entire sum.

"This was a one-by-one race and business as usual," Mutola said. "The hardest race of my career awaits me in Brussels. Let's wait and see."

Season-best times were set by Turkey's Sureyya Ayhan in the women's 1,500 m, Qatar's Saif Saeed Shaheen in the men's 3,000-m steeplechase, by Romania's Gabriela Szabo in the women's 3,000 m, and Chryste Gaines in the 100.

In the 400 m, Pan American winner Ana Guevara of Mexico, the fastest woman in the world for the last two seasons, won her 23rd consecutive race, in a year-best 49.11, while Hicham El-Guerrouj won the men's 1,500 in 3:29.13, chopping .63 off his own world mark this season.

Mutola appeared to take control of her race from the start, and left Graf—runner-up to Mutola at the Sydney Olympics and the last world championships—second again in 2:00.52.

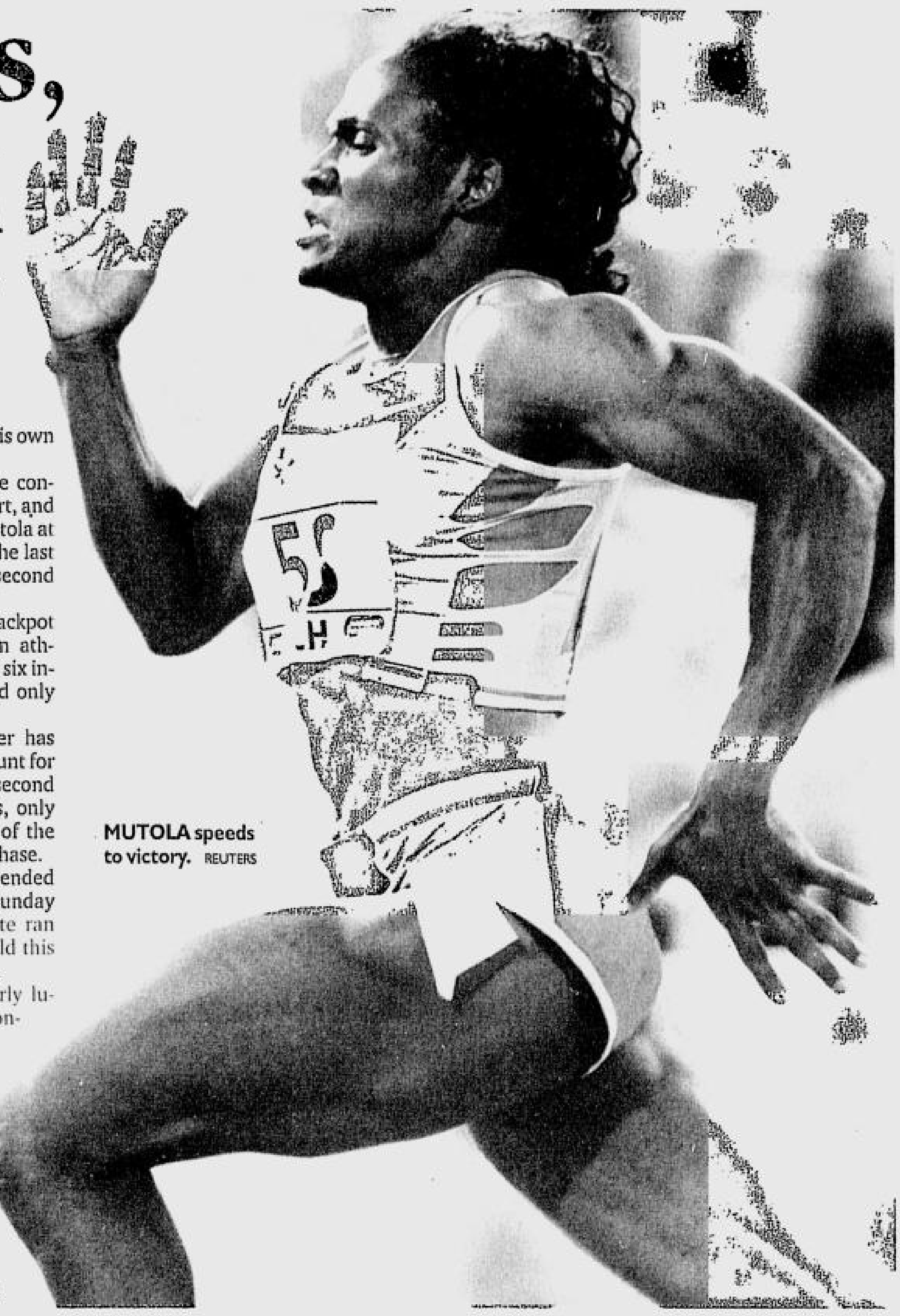
The Golden League jackpot was to be shared between athletes who won each of their six individual league events, and only Mutola remains.

The Mozambique runner has had little company in her hunt for the jackpot. After the second event in the series in Paris, only she and Chandra Sturrup of the Bahamas remained in the chase.

But Sturrup's campaign ended abruptly in Berlin last Sunday when American Kelli White ran the fastest time in the world this year in the women's 100 m.

It would be a particularly lucrative haul for Mutola, considering the jackpot has doubled in size since last year.

In 2002, the Golden League jackpot of gold bars worth about US$500,000, was split between five athletes, including Marion Jones, Allen Johnson and El-Guerrouj. *AP*



MUTOLA speeds to victory. REUTERS

Manalo, pals gain billiards meet semis

THE BEER na Beer trio of Marlon Manalo, Al Ortega and Emil de la Paz nipped the Lee Van Corteza-led Imarflex, 7-6, to emerge the first semifinalist of the first ever major billiards league—the Corporate Billiards League (CBL)—last Friday at the Robinson's Galleria.

Manalo, the current No. 1 RP and Asian Snooker player, almost single-handedly drilled in all the shots while his teammates did the placings in the event sponsored by Tanduay The No. 1 Rhum with the support of Rommel Billiards.

What also proved detrimental for Imarflex was Corteza's missed jumpshot which could have earlier settled the victory.

"It was simple strategy. Although *halos ako lahat ang tumira, pinahirapan naman ang kalaban ng* placing *ng mga* teammates *ko* (My teammates' placings made it hard for our rivals)," said Manalo, who caught international attention when he defeated former world champion Mika Immonen in Cardiff, Wales recently.

Imarflex actually jumped to a 2-0 lead but turned overconfident early in the race-to-7 match as Beer na Beer rallied behind Manalo to get close, 4-6.

Ortega and De la Paz went on with their puzzling ball placings that held Corteza and teammates Boy Ducanes and Dario Hipolito scoreless in the ensuing play as Beer na Beer leveled the count, 6-6.

Corteza's missed shot proved to be the biggest break as Manalo quickly sealed their victory.

With the win, Beer na Beer stays on course for the coveted crown and the P100,000 purse.

The six other quarterfinalists—Ginebra Kapitan, LBC, Accel, Toby's, Nikon Electric Fan and Skyflakes—will be vying for the three other seats into the semifinal round.

The top two after the single-round robin semifinals will battle each other in a best-of-seven championship series.

KADOUR Ziani, one of the smallest members of the Slam Nation at 5-foot-11, stuffs a two-handed windmill dunk during the visiting French group's impromptu show at the Lyceum of the Philippines last Wednesday. The Slam Nation performs at the National Finals of the Nike Battleground Asia today at the Carousel Court of the Festival.

5-ON-5 TILT

Six high school teams vie for national crown today

THE NIKE Battleground Asia will conclude a superb weekend of basketball action and entertainment with the National Finals of the 5-on-5 competition firing off today at the Carousel Court of the Festival Supermall in Alabang.

Six high school teams from various regions in the country will vie for one chance of glory to be king of Battleground Asia, while visiting French dunk artists Slam Nation will captivate the audience with their daredevil jams before the championship game.

Provincial finalists University of the Visayas (Cebu), Holy Child School of Davao and Pampanga High School will test their on-court savvy with Metro Manila teams Letran College, Philippine College of Criminology and St. Francis of Assisi–Las Piñas. They will compete in a single round-robin match to determine the top two teams that will play the championship.

There will be an opening ceremony to be held at 12 noon with Nike Philippines marketing manager Colo Ventosa, sports marketing manager Auty Villarama, marketing communications executive Rely San Agustin and special guest PBA Commissioner Noli Eala, as well as other leading sports personalities and Nike athletes, welcoming the participants. Games will begin at 9 a.m. with PCCR going against Holy Child.

The Battleground Asia basketball event is presented by Nike and co-sponsored by Gatorade, Summit Natural Drinking Water, National Sports Grill and Festival Supermall.

Prior to the National Finals, all the finalists had undergone exclusive skills training with top coaches Yeng Guiao, Alfrancis Chua and Kirk Collier at the Nike Hot House.

Simultaneous with the National Finals, meanwhile, participants will test their skills in the Nike Uptempo Room at the Expo Trade Hall of the Festival Supermall.

This will be open to the public, with exclusive Nike items to be given away to participants who can complete all the modules at the fastest time.

"This will be a great weekend of Nike basketball. Fans will surely be delighted by what we will offer, specially the Slam Nation show just before the championship game," said Rely San Agustin, Nike Philippines marketing communications manager.

Van Exel-Jamison trade in the offing

DALLAS—An eight-player trade is in the works that will send Nick Van Exel from the Dallas Mavericks to the Golden State Warriors for Antawn Jamison, according to published reports.

The Dallas Morning News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported on their websites Friday night that Chris Mills, Danny Fortson and Jiri Welsch will also come to Dallas as part of the deal. Avery Johnson, Evan Eschmeyer and Popeye Jones would join Van Exel in going to Golden State. *AP*

Cavite derby tomorrow

MORE than 100 quality fights are on tap when the 16th "Pahabol sa Taglugon" 4-cock derby unfolds tomorrow at the Cavite Coliseum.

The event features a rare gathering of 15 international champions and consistent local and national cockers club champions headed by actor Bong Revilla, Chavit Singson, Rey Briones, William Go, Pol Estrellado, Jun Marasigan, Anthony Marasigan, Jet Fernando, Jingco Brothers, Louie Cua, Ito Ynares, William Co, Rudy Salud, Nestor Mercado, Arman Sanchez, Bong Rogio, Max Roxas, Boyet Joson, Jessie Castillo, Jun Cuello and Ashley Arayata, among others

Host Bobbit Ples, responsible for many well-attended derbies, said that other invited provincial and local entries will be joining the event.

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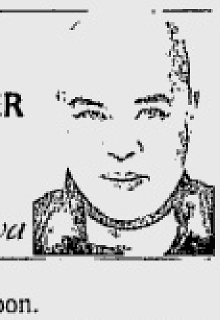
Horse racing bug bites 'Totoy Mola'



ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

WHEN Last Hazm pulled off a shocker in the Juvenile Colts Stakes first leg last week, Pampanga Vice Gov. Mikey Arroyo was the very first to congratulate Hermie Esguerra.

Moments after Esguerra's galloper edged the favored Don Paolo, Mikey strode into Hermie's box and gave the latter a high five.

Later, Mikey gazed at the giant winner's trophy which Hermie got and asked him: "*Kailan kaya ako makakatanggap ng ganyan dito sa karera?*"

Mikey, who makes it a point to be at the races each time he's free from serving his fellow Kapampangans, said Hermie is his "idol" in horseracing.

Incidentally, one of those beaten by Last Hazm in that race was Dato's Pride, a namesake of a grey galloper once owned by the LTA Corp. of the Arroyo family.

And speaking of the Esguerra Stable, my Silip Boy told me that its "*pambato*," champion galloper Wind Blown, is staging a comeback soon.

Shipped to the farm for a rest after losing in the First Gentleman's Silver Cup in April, Wind Blown will reportedly have a new rider when he flexes his strides again.

And one of those being eyed by Esguerra to handle Wind Blown, my Silip Boy added, is none other than the "Maestro" himself, Jesus Guce.

"That would be an explosive combination. Imagine a champion horse being guided by a champion jockey. *Tiyak dagsa ang bayang kareristang manonood dyan," my SB remarked.*

Guce, currently under suspension, regularly rides one of Esguerra's horses, Real Tough, a brother of Real Top whom Guce piloted to a Triple Crown sweep in 1997.

"Although Wind Blown may not have the same fire anymore, I'm sure Guce's expertise can do wonders for the horse," said a racing official who requested anonymity.

The *bayang karerista* is eagerly awaiting the return of the "king" of the local tracks and as they say, *subaybayan!*

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Actor Jay Manalo was seen rooting for his favorite horses last week at Santa Ana.

"It seems that the horse racing bug has bitten Jay," said WCPI racing commentator Howie Basilio, an avid JM fan like Tumbok columnist Orlando "Galman" Primo.

A few days later, Jay was also spotted at the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite.

Tellers swoon each time Jay goes to the windows and places his bets. *"Mahilig tumaya sa mga dehado,"* said one Santa Ana teller.

Howie and Galman, according to Andy Sevilla, became solid JM followers after both watched the movie which catapulted him to fame—"Totoy Mola"—a few years ago.

Last Thursday night, Andy said Howie was such in a hurry to get home to watch "The Jay Manalo Story" on ABS-CBN's "Maalala Mo Kaya."

Alas, Howie didn't make it, ending up instead in an "*inuman*" with Andy, Ira "Mr. 3 and 50 to Travel" Herrera, Vince "Dedicated" Trinidad and Galman at their hangout in Baclaran.

Me? I promised to join them only if "Totoy Mola" is around.

Keep up the good work, *mga pare!*

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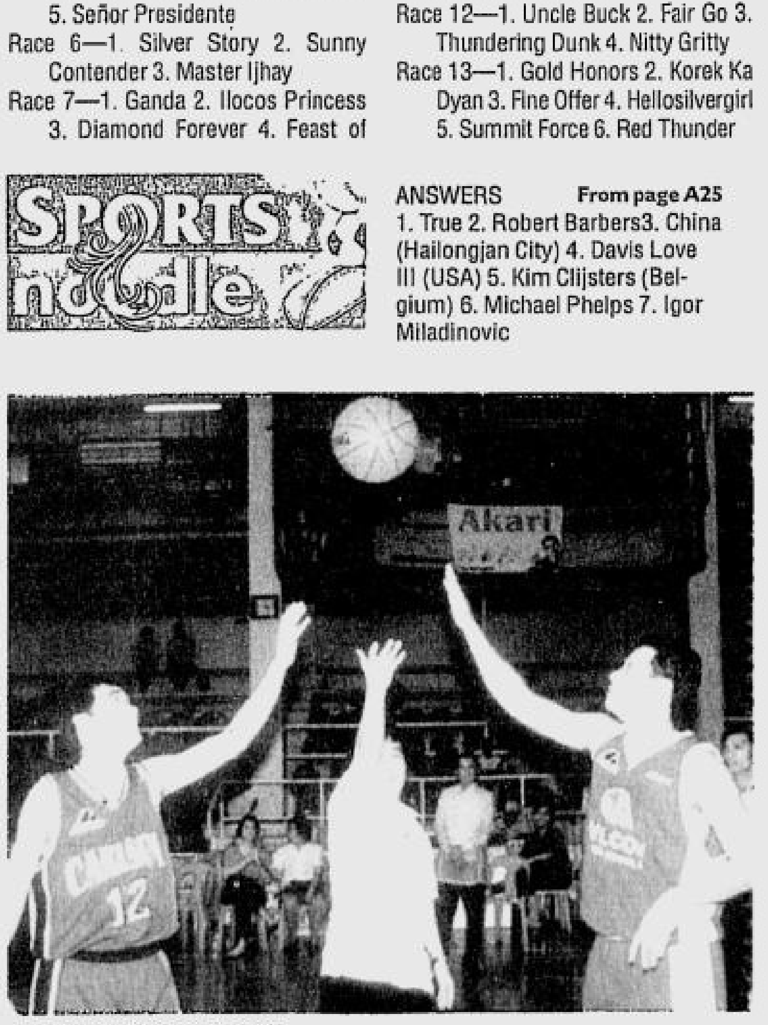

CEREMONIAL TOSS

Raymond Tan, general manager of The DIY Shop, makes the ceremonial toss in the game between Carlson Trading and Wilcon Builders during the recent opening of the 1st Carlson Invitational Cup basketball tournament at the San Juan gym. The players are Carlson's Manuel Aniceto and Wilcon's Ronan Medel. Seven teams—Handyman, True Value, Hardware Exchange, WorkStation, Wilcon Builders, The DIY Shop and Carlson Trading—are vying in the first inter-hardware cagefest. Beneficiary of the tourney is the Children's Village of Bantay Bata Foundation.

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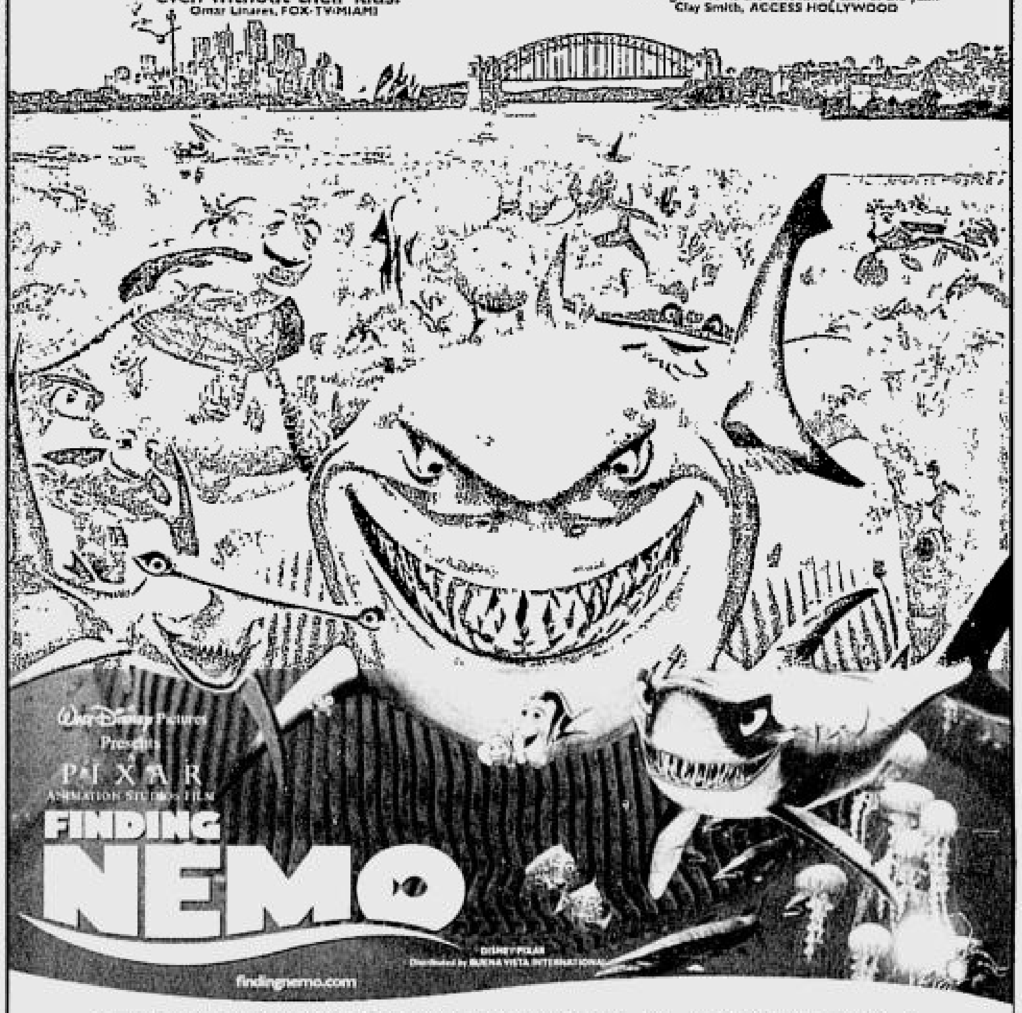
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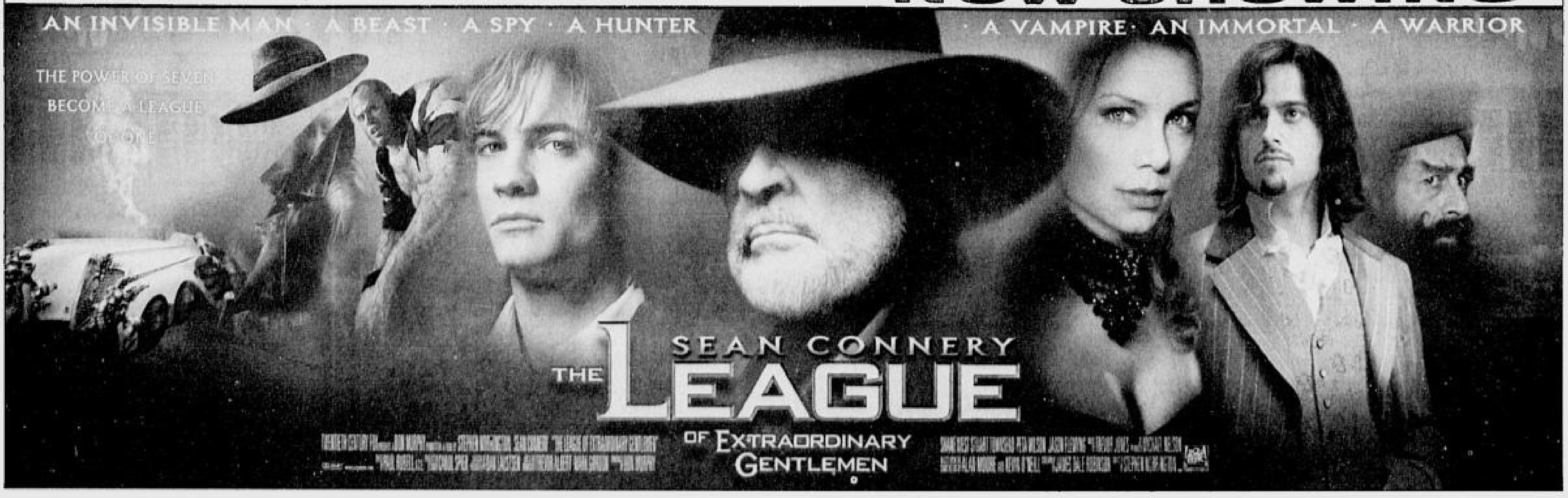
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Success stories drove this exec to do well in corporate world

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

RENATO "Bing" T. de Guzman considered himself a very lucky guy when he got out of the Ateneo de Manila University with a degree in Management Engineering.

Not only did he pass what was considered the toughest course in the Ateneo, but through his active participation in AISEC, a global association of business students, he was able to get traineeships in the central bank of Norway and a cooperative in Germany.

"These were great opportunities to understand and learn more about other cultures," De Guzman tells SundayBiz.

It was while he was taking up his Master's in Business Administration from the Katholieke Universiteit te Leuven in Belgium that he first earned money as a waiter in the restaurant of Bong Daza in Paris.

Working as a waiter

"I would occasionally visit Paris while attending graduate school in Belgium and from time to time I would work in Bong Daza's restaurant in Paris to earn some extra cash," De Guzman says.

"It was over 25 years ago and I got minimum pay at that time. I would do what the other waiters did—I would serve food, take orders. I had to work for the extra cash because my parents provided me with a student allowance which was just enough for school. If I wanted to party in Paris, I would have to earn additional party money," he says.

FIRST JOB

Despite the occasional parties, De Guzman excelled in school and this he attributed to the training that he and his siblings got from their parents while growing up in a middle-class household.

His father was a doctor and his mother, a businesswoman who had interests in schools, hospitals, gasoline stations and restaurants.

Family values

"My mother was very hardworking and my father was a good and simple family man. My parents always drove me and my brother and sister to do well in school," he says.

"They imparted in us solid values such as the importance of education, hard work and living within your means," he says.

De Guzman recalls his parents telling them about inspiring success stories of relatives and acquaintances who started out with very little financial resources but did extremely well in life through good education, hard work and some luck.

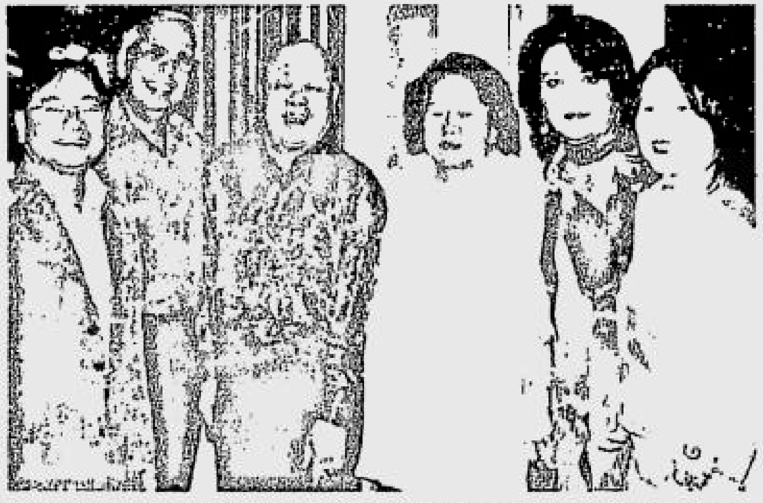
It was these same stories that continued to drive De Guzman to do well throughout his corporate career.

"I think I made very few major moves in my career but they turned out to be right ones. You just have to look at the essential things and then trust your instincts," he says.

Asked about the major turning points in his career, he cited his leaving Bancom Development Corp. at least a year before it went on receivership, to join Banque Nationale de Paris where he eventually became deputy country manager.

He later moved out of BNP to start the Philippine operations of a fairly unknown Dutch bank, NMB, which later became ING.

"Aside from becoming the country head, ING had bigger ambitions in the Philippines and had certain banking expertise such as emerging market debt trading that attracted me," explains De Guzman.



WITH friends from Singapore, Satpal Khattar of Khattar Wong law firm and Mr. and Mrs. Piet Yap and daughter Wendy (owner of Bogasan, Indonesia's largest flour mill)

DE GUZMAN today as CEO of ING Private Banking in Asia

He served ING as country head in the Philippines for 10 years, during which ING Bank received the Best Foreign Bank award from Euromoney magazine for four consecutive years.

Showing Filipino talents

When the opportunity came to move out of the Philippines to take on a more complex and challenging job in Singapore as CEO of ING Private Banking in Asia in 2000, he immediately grabbed it, and it provided him with a bigger window of opportunity to showcase the Filipino talent in the region, and possibly the world.

Filipinos, he says, have what it takes to be good managers because we have a great deal of creativity in finding the right solutions to complex problems. Filipinos can also work better with other nationalities due to our sensitivity to other cultures.

Moving to another country and dealing with other cultures, however, were easier said than done.

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NGO gives hope to one of RP's poorest provinces

By Cyrain G. Cabueñas
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CATBALOGAN, Samar—Fourteen km north of this town, along the coast of Maqueda Bay, sits Barangay Old Mahayag, a small yet bustling fishing and farming community. Few would have thought that these folks who struggled desperately to get by would slowly fight their way out of poverty.

Almost a decade ago, their fields lay fallow and Maqueda Bay's resources, which are shared by other 14 coastal towns, have dwindled due to indiscriminate and rampant fishing.

In 1979, the fish catch in the area was recorded at 78,203 metric tons, which was just enough for the population of 100,704 households.

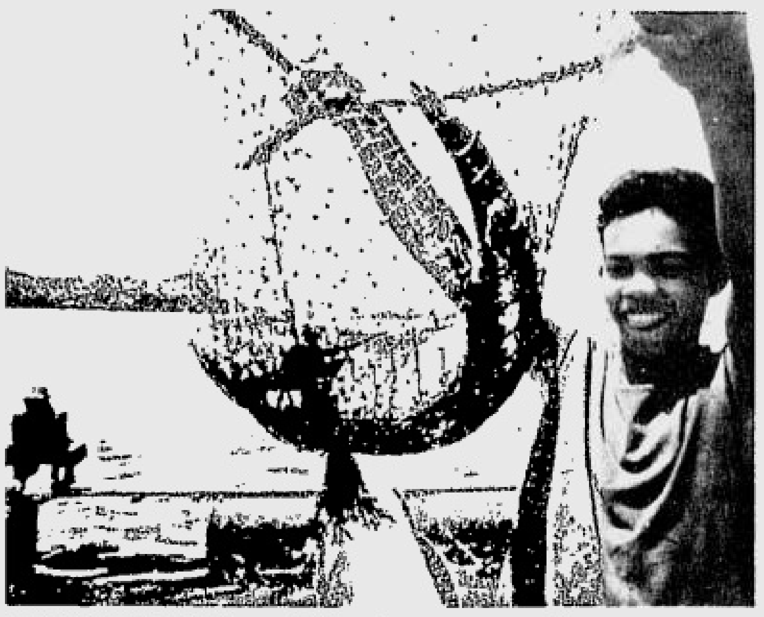
By 1991, it had dwindled to only about 33,600 metric tons.

Old Mahayag Agri-Fishing Multi Purpose Cooperative president Lucas Alaga Jr. recalls the many instances when he would come home with an empty net or basket after a fruitless search for fish.

He says years of abuse and misuse took its toll on their environs. Fish, farm produce, as well as livelihood have thinned out due to ecological threats that included dynamite fishing, illegal trawling, siltation from continuous forest denudation, conversion of mangrove areas to fishponds and uncontrolled pollution.

Those days have, fortunately, slowly become part of the past as economic activity has picked up, in no small part due to the aid of the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), one of the country's biggest NGOs composed of top business groups.

Western Samar truly needed the help as it is one of the country's poorest provinces with 61 percent of its 268,436 households living below the poverty line. There are few jobs available because frequent typhoons made Samar unattractive to industry.



THE LAPU-LAPU brings additional money to poor farmers.

Starting with 10 members

The Old Mahayag Agri-Fishing Multipurpose Cooperative, which was founded in 1994, started with only 10 members who contributed a mere P2 a week. Before the co-op was tapped by PBSP in 1995, its capital build-up was only P200.

A decade later, the cooperative now has more than 100 members with a modest capital that would see them through difficult times. It also has a community center building to its name, fishing boats and fishnets.

Other members have branched out from fishing into vegetable and cut flower production, coffee and abaca farming, poultry and livestock raising.

Moreover, through the members' initiative, some 150 households now have permanent toilets.

PBSP established a field office in Barangay Mahayag in 1994 with two goals in mind—responsible environmental management and alternative livelihood programs.

Through its Samar Resource Management Program, a five-year development strategy, PBSP will help bring up the living standard of some 2,500 households in 14 fishing and farming villages along Maqueda Bay until 2006.

Two accomplishments

PBSP recently showcased two major accomplishments. The Mahayag Upland Technology Farm, a five-hectare experimental area that tests and validates crops, tree seedlings, flowers and livestock. This has brought regular income to a number of beneficiaries.

The staff has also provided orientations not only to farming communities but also to various sectors. Some 403.11 hectares of upland areas in 14 barangays were reforested (38 percent of the target) and 431.267 hectares of upland slopes were converted into agro-forestry farms.

Complimenting the farming technology is the Coastal and Marine Technology Center. Tests were conducted to determine the viability and productivity of marine species like grouper, milkfish, crabs, mussels, seaweeds, and oysters among others. Its long-term goal is to regenerate marine resources and establish fish sanctuaries.

About 406 household beneficiaries have already replicated the technologies of the center.

The staff has also conducted seminars to numerous groups involving more than a thousand participants to help more people earn additional income and not rely solely on the produce from Maqueda Bay.

Protected areas

So far, six marine protected areas were established totaling 47 hectares, 12 barangay aquatic and fishery councils were formed and 90.90 hectares (75 percent of the target) of mangrove areas were planted.

Before the Marine Technology Center's inception in 1996, the Old Mahayag Multipurpose Co-op members had tried grouper culture through a grant from the European Union's Western Samar program.

The project did not prosper, however, because of lack of technical expertise.

But still convinced of the economic feasibility of aquaculture, Philam Foundation Inc. extended a P1-million financial assistance to support PBSP's Samar Resource Management Program.

The funds would be used to bankroll the grouper culture in floating cages over the next five years. The project is expected to benefit 72 fishing households in the first year and about 216 households in five years' time.

PBSP group director Leo Hilado says the group chose the grouper or lapu-lapu for commercial cultivation because of its high market demand.

He adds that Samar is rich in natural resources yet most Samareños still live below the poverty line. But with good supervision and favorable weather, folks along Maqueda Bay may yet realize their dreams, he adds.

In April, the PBSP and the Philam Foundation staff turned over the P1-million grant and the floating cottages to the five recipient coastal barangays of Old Mahayag, Lucerdoni, Iguid, Silanga, and Cabogawan.

Lamborghini shifts gears—to profits

SAN FRANCISCO—For 40 years, Italy's Lamborghini has thrilled elite buyers with its sleek and speedy sports cars. Now, after losing money for most of its history, the company is on track to earn a profit, the company's CEO says.

"It has lost money of several investors," managing director Giuseppe Greco said in an interview that ended with an informal road test through the streets of San Francisco in a bright orange Lamborghini Gallardo. "Lamborghini himself lost money."

It seems odd that a company specializing in top-of-the-line $250,000 cars has been losing money for so long, yet the high cost of development and the quantities produced—only a few hundred a year—made profitability an elusive goal.

Now Lamborghini is shifting gears.

"Let me tell you a story of a company that did not want to die," Greco said as he joined about 40 other Lamborghini cars in a noisy, sometimes bumpy drive through the city to celebrate the firm's latest model, the Gallardo.

Automobili Lamborghini has changed hands several times since Ferruccio Lamborghini started building high-performance sports cars in 1963. It went bankrupt in 1980, lost money for Chrysler and then the family of Indonesian President Suharto.

In 1998, Volkswagen AG's Audi division bought Lamborghini, and Greco now forecasts an end to losses following introduction of the Gallardo—a bargain, relatively speaking, at $165,900.

"We already broke even last year. This year, also, we will break even. Next year, we start making money," he said.

Greco is hoping, with a third of its business now in the United States, to quadruple car output from 430 in 2002 to 1,700 to 1,800 by next year—a company record. *Reuters*

Goodwill is the most important in the Chinese list of business values

WITH so many bookstores now competing on the local market, a store is hard-pressed to carve out its own identity. Often, its customers associate it with the types of books it carries. Popular bookstores' product lines include most types of books, plus school and office supplies to cater to the general public.

So-called specialty bookstores, on the other hand, offer a wider selection of particular fields.

In the case of Goodwill Bookstore, the most familiar sight a person would associate with it is its ceiling-high textbook-laden shelves.

But according to Goodwill president Ma. Teresa Cancio-Suplico, Goodwill has more than that. "We have new fiction, classics, popular titles, textbooks, general references for every reader. And people come to us for hard-to-find titles," she shares.

Goodwill Bookstore will present its lineup of rare and popular titles, textbooks, and every other book in between at the 24th Manila International Book Fair, organized by Primetrade Asia Inc. and slated on Aug. 30 to Sept. 7, 2003 at the Megatrade Hall, SM Megamall.

Staying in the game

Goodwill Bookstore is the grandmother of bookstore chains, having been around for 65 years and outliving some of the popular bookstores in the past.

Given the country's rough economic environment, Filipino consumers' fickle nature, and the presence of other bookstore giants, the fact that Goodwill has been around for so long is an accomplishment in itself.

Its staying power is largely due to its ability to adapt to the times. Because people have come to expect to find school and office supplies, gift items and greeting cards in bookstores, Goodwill introduced these into its product line.

It stocks a full range of textbooks for all grade levels, most of them inexpensive editions of foreign titles, and some titles not carried by other bookstores. It further caters to high school and college students by maintaining a line of classic and hard-to-find literature.

At last year's Manila International Book Fair, it launched a Western classic literature series that it has adapted for Filipino children.

Goodwill also stocks popular titles to cater to the mainstream market.

It has been able to tap the nationwide market by enlisting the services of a celebrity endorser. It has also tied up with reputable companies and newspapers in promoting books and reading.

Good service and good books

Suplico stresses that Goodwill's main commitment is to provide good service and good books. She says that the store's name is symbolic of service. The name "Goodwill" was borrowed from the American practice of donating secondhand goods to charity.

GOODWILL president Ma. Teresa Cancio-Suplico

"Daddy (Goodwill Bookstore founder Don Manuel Cancio) was pleased to have kept the name because it exudes warmth. According to a book on 12 Chinese business values, the last and most important value is goodwill. Knowing this, I stress the value of goodwill on my people so they too will embody it in their dealings with others," she shares.

At the 24th Manila International Book Fair, it shall be presenting its lineup of textbooks, popular and hard-to-find titles.

"We want the whole family to rediscover the magic of reading. After all, books and reading are what book fairs are all about," Suplico concludes.

(For details on the book fair, call 8960682 or 8970139)

Success stories drove this exec to do well in corporate world

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De Guzman says he had to deal with some negative images that other Asians have of Filipinos.

The stereotype, for instance, was that a Filipino was an overseas domestic worker. The Philippines was seen as an area of corruption, lawlessness, unstable government and high poverty rates.

"I also had the additional challenge of convincing various managers of different nationalities in the region of my management capability. Given the poor image of our country, the image of the Filipino professionals also suffers," he says.

"I tried to overcome these negative images by coaching and guiding them to do things differently and prove that with the changes, we will be a better organization, he adds.

De Guzman says he takes his hat off to the general management of ING for having enough confidence in him to assign him to properly manage a regional business and for supporting the implementation of key changes in strategy, structure and culture to put the business on a very sound footing.

Toughest job

De Guzman, however, says that his toughest management job was when he became the youngest president of the Manila Polo Club, where he served for two years.

DE GUZMAN family: Amanda, Bing, Franco and Kathy

"My baptism of fire in general management came when I became president of Manila Polo Club. This is one of the toughest jobs you can think of and it certainly tested my management skills and suitably prepared me for CEO-type challenges," he says.

De Guzman says the club was in very poor financial condition when he became president. It had high cost for services that were poorly patronized and club dues have not increased for a number of years.

"On top of this you have 2,100 members that are all acting as owners of the club with differing views on how the club should be run. So this is a recipe for disaster. Fortunately, I was able to convince members to pay more dues, and use some assets more productively.

"Until today, however, the membership of the club continues to quarrel on how it should be run," he says.

Business award

The battle-hardened De Guzman, however, learned valuable lessons from that stint and combined with his ingrained values of hard work and perseverance, he won this year the ING Business Award for Leadership in a worldwide competition.

He bested 120 candidates from across every region and management center of the multinational bank.

The ING Business Award was launched by the executive board of ING in Amsterdam to reward people in the bank who make business excellence a habit within their own business unit.

It aims to share and reward best practices within the ING group and to recognize topnotch performance in six key areas: revenue growth, client focus, synergy, cost reduction, leadership and branding.

According to Angelien Kemma, chairperson for the leadership category of the award, "In the current harsh economic environment, true leadership is required to realize ING's ambitions and targets. De Guzman showed true leadership by personally leading the troops, striving for realizing results and showing true compassion and dedication throughout the organization."

De Guzman was credited with transforming in just two years the loosely organized private banking units of ING across several countries in Asia, and its wholly owned subsidiary, Banque Bruxelles Lambert, into a "profitable, coherent organization that can stand up against a number of established competitors."

De Guzman stresses that the credit truly belongs to the entire private banking team in Asia.

"Their dedication in delivering superior service and financial returns to our clients in very difficult markets has paid off and is being recognized by the entire organization," he says.

De Guzman, however is not one to rest on his laurels. He says there are still difficult challenges along the way for the bank.

"We still have to grow our business in mainland China, Korea and Japan. So there is still a lot of room to grow in my current job. I have to remain focused and not be distracted by other professional ambitions. If I continue to do well, the rest will follow," he says.

DE GUZMAN with former BSP Governor Singson. He considers him one of his mentors.

An SOB (son of the boss) who's glad he's one

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

AN SOB (son of the boss) or a COO (child of the owner) may look at joining the family business as a curse or a fortune.

To Maximo Gabriel Licauco, joining the family business was a good thing.

"It was my show of appreciation for them," he says. By them he means his parents and his grandmother, Socorro Ramos, who started National Bookstore.

Gabby runs the operations of three family businesses—Powerbooks (the books arm of National), Business One and Personalize It.

The involvement in the family business of Ramos' children and then grandchildren has created an impression that they are a Chinese clan.

The diminutive young man, laughs every time people just start conversing to him in Chinese. He admits he does look like one. And he says although he studied in Xavier he can hardly remember his lessons in Mandarin.

But he admits that his family exhibits Chinese traits, often leading to people typecasting them as such. For one, they are entrepreneurial. His *lola* of course started National. Then they set up Powerbooks. His sister started Personalize It, a shop that labels things with names such as embroidered towels, personalized mugs and others.

He grew up with business as the subject on the dinner table. And they were exposed to the family businesses early on.

"When I was small my dad would bring me to National," he recalls. Gabby's mom Cecil is the daughter of Socorro.

He started managing Personalize It when he was in second year college as his sister migrated to the US.

Knowing he would be joining the family business, Licauco first enrolled in LiaCom in La Salle but eventually shifted to BS Communication. "I think in all business you need communication."

He says while he cannot talk to all the employees at Powerbooks which number about 120, his managers are his eyes. And he talks to them regularly.

A month after graduating from college, he took over his cousin, Adrian's job as operations manager of Powerbooks.

When National did not opt to renew its franchise of Office 1 Superstore last year, it opted to create a local one, Business One. Business One is National's wholesale school and office supplies arm.

Gabby says Office 1 was "a good concept but a hard to manage one." Office 1 was a wholesaler of school and office supplies but at the same time served the retail market. "You have to have one direction only."

He admits that the retail side of Office 1 was actually competing with National Bookstore. Business One sells on a wholesale basis and although prices are generally the same as National, they are able to extend credit terms.

Managing three jobs at the same time is a tough job even for a 24 year old like Gabby. He admits it is time consuming but points out that he makes sure he gets to do the things he likes.

Mornings are spent overseeing the operations of Business One which is located along Pioneer St.—near enough to Makati and near Ortigas, considered a growing office market.

HIS time is divided between managing the operations of Powerbooks, Business One and Personalize it.

GABBY Licauco spends his weekdays and Saturdays working his three jobs but Sundays are for his passion—soccer.

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Afternoons would find him in Powerbooks. Gabby does the rounds of the four branches.

"I like surprise visits," he says.

He says they are moving the Powerbooks branch along Pasay Road to Greenbelt 4 to go with the lifestyle habits of people who want to go to places with all the consumer goods and services they need. Some Saturdays would find him at Personalize it.

Sundays however are reserved for his personal activities especially his passion— soccer. He was a member of his high school and college varsity teams.

Every Sunday afternoon, he would go to the Xavier soccer field and play with his old teammates or any soccer enthusiast.

He also used to play the flute and the violin. "We all had to learn to play an instrument."

His preoccupations however leave him time only for one extra-curricular activity and he chose soccer.

Despite his family's workload, one thing is sacred with the Licaucos—dinner time. The family eats dinner together every day as much as possible.

And while the subject would surely go to business, it is no longer strange to any of them who grew up literally getting mouthfuls of the subject.

Rizal folks take cue from national hero

RIGHT at the eastern part of Manila, a group of exporters and manufacturers found promise in crafting holiday decors, wooden kitchenware, baskets, tins, dried flowers and picture frames among others.

Called the Rizal Exporters and Manufacturers Association Inc. (Remai), the group began in 1991 during a briefing of the Department of Trade and Industry Rizal to organize the manufacturers participating in a trade fair.

Some of the association's other products include snakeskin accessories, resin products, candles, stuffed toys, paper maché and ceramic products.

Bearers of Independence
Enriquez Handicrafts
creates export-quality trays, potholders and baskets that have gained patronage in Europe, Australia, and the USA.

Heroic pursuits

The Remai group was established to become a network for the exchange of market, technical and other export-related matters and also to serve as an institutionalized medium by which Rizal exporters and manufacturers can assist, encourage and develop each other towards exporting.

Interestingly too, the group members say they take intimate inspiration from national hero Jose Rizal, who they dubbed as the consummate artist.

Sometime in 1996, Remai launched the Trade House, the association's permanent showcase of their products. Tourists and buyers no longer need to go to far-flung areas to view Rizal's products.

The following year, the Foundation for Asian Management Development of Japan granted a support fund for Remai to implement institutional strengthening activities, business management training and seminars and trade fairs. That same year, Remai joined its first provincial trade fair at the Sta. Lucia Mall. Add to this, the group produced its first ever product catalog in 1998 in time for Jose Rizal's Anniversary.

In 1999, Remai co-organized the Rizal Business Forum together with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Rizal Inc., Antipolo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc., and Resort Owners Association of Rizal together with DTI-Rizal and the Rizal Provincial Government and LGUs. The forum dealt with the problems of underdevelopment in the province compared with Cavite and Laguna.

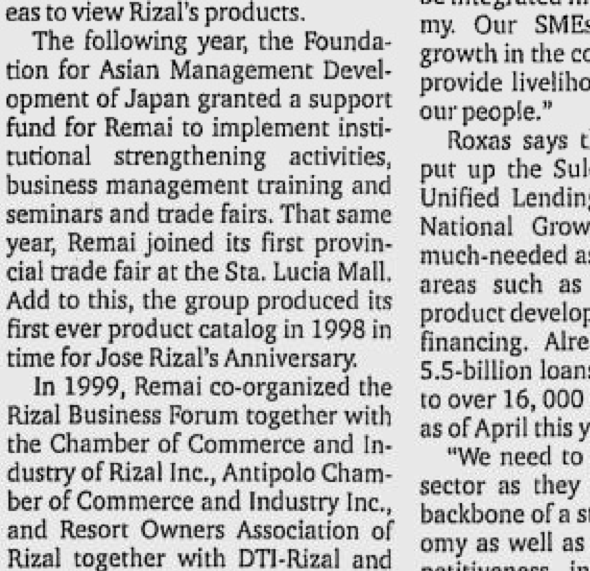
Big brother, small brother concept

As part of Remai's expansion, it organized local stud y missions that enable Remai members to learn from other manufacturers throughout the country. DTI-Rizal provided in-depth assistance to the organization.

Trade and Industry Secretary Mar Roxas says, "We would like to assist our small and medium scale entrepreneurs through technical assistance, product development and financing among others so they will be integrated into the formal economy. Our SMEs continue to fuel growth in the countryside as well as provide livelihood opportunities to our people."

Roxas says the government has put up the Sulong program (SME Unified Lending Opportunities for National Growth) to render the much-needed assistance to SMEs in areas such as market assistance, product development, trainings and financing. Already under Sulong, 5.5-billion loans have been granted to over 16, 000 SMEs in the country as of April this year.

"We need to invigorate our SME sector as they continue to be the backbone of a strong regional economy as well as enhance their competitiveness in the international market," Roxas says.



Remai says they had networking activities together with the Women's Business Council, PhilExport, Christmas Decors Producers and Exporters Association of the Philippines, Rizal's and Antipolo's Chamber of Commerce and Industry and DTI Rizal and Region IV. They network in terms of raw materials, supplies, production and subcontracting.

Throughout the group's networking projects, the group says their main idea revolves around the big brother/small brother concept.

From ten members, Remai now has close to 30 members. Some of these members have transformed themselves from manufacturers to exporters. The others engaged in outreach activities in Montalban and Erap City among others. While some others had stints as trainers or resource speakers in the Asia-Pacific Business Convention at Hotel Intercon and Apec SME Forum in China.

Recently, the company joined the National Trade Fair and Manila Fame Market Week. It was also recognized as a "Leading Industry Association in Serving SMEs on the Provincial Level" by the Small Enterprise Research and Development Foundation in 2002.

Several years past, Remai stands up above the rest in promoting creativity and product excellence to showcase the quality workmanship of Rizaleños, network the exchange of technical know-how and serve as catalyst for SME development in the province.

As manifestation of this, the group has put up the Rizal Exporters and Manufacturers Multi-Purpose Cooperative to help members and workers, suppliers and sub-contractors not only with credit but also with purchasing, marketing and other assets. In fact, during the August 2000 typhoon, the company provided aid to a member whose factory and house were ruined.

Now more than 10 years, Remai proves to be living up to the ideals of the national hero they took inspiration from—- to keep the patriotic fever aflame by recognizing their roots and serving their townsfolk.

Restos weigh in with health tie-ins

NEW YORK—Restaurant companies are not only battling for America's taste buds, they are also trying to win their hearts—healthier hearts.

In fact, the war has moved into the casual dining sector, known for high-fat pastas, sandwiches and other indulgences.

Applebee's International Inc. last week announced a five-year exclusive contract with Weight Watchers International Inc., to offer lighter menu items that will use the weight-loss company's trademark point system.

Now, said retail consultant Neil Stern, competitors of both companies will be scrambling to come up with similar tie-ins.

"It's a great marketing thing so you'll see some counters out there," said Stern, a partner with McMillan/Doolittle.

With legislators, government agencies, health advocates and even supersized companies like Kraft Foods Inc. weighing in on the obesity epidemic in the United States, restaurants are looking for ways to get out in front on an issue with potential legal and financial ramifications.

According to the US Surgeon General, more than 60 percent of American adults are obese or overweight.

Bally Total Fitness Holding Corp., the largest US health club owner, partnered with McDonald's in the Los Angeles area this spring. The fast food giant gave a coupon for a free two-week membership at Bally gyms with every Premium Salad purchase.

"We're fielding phone calls from quick-service restaurants as we speak," said Jeff Gooding, who heads corporate development for Bally. He said talks about tie-ins with full-service national chains, akin to the Applebee's and Weight Watchers deal, were also in the works.

The company, which runs 420 health clubs under names including Bally Total Fitness, Crunch and Gorilla Sports, said it would team up with Chicago's Lou Malnati's pizza chain within the next month.

Consumers will be able to choose from three healthier options, such as the Bally's Total pizza and the Bally's Spinroom pizza, a spinach-mushroom combination. If the deal succeeds, it may expand to a national chain, spokesperson Jon Harris said.

Harris said the market for bringing healthier foods to restaurants was "growing every day ... I think they've really identified that there's (been) a lack of focus on this from all corporate partners."

Alliances with well-known brands like Weight Watchers add to the credibility of a good-for-you venture—while also lending marketing muscle.

Weight Watchers has more than a million members, according to some estimates, and Applebee's plans to take full advantage, with direct mail and other targeted advertising, said John Cywinski, the company's chief marketing officer.

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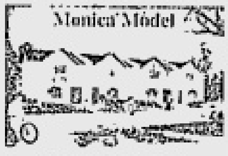

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) of Caraga Region, through the Caraga food Sufficiency Project, a Spanish Government funded development intervention is now inviting all interested contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid:

"CONSTRUCTION OF THREE (3) FARM LEVEL GRAINS CENTER (FLGCs)"

The FLGCs are intended to house grains post-harvest facilities, which include a warehouse, solar dryer, husk storage, perimeter fence and other support stuctures in the municipalities of Sta. Josefa and Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur and Jabonga, Agusan del Norte.

The construction of Sta. Josefa FLGC shall be within October 2003 to March 2004, ahead of Prosperidad and Jabonga projects, thus bidding process shall be ahead of the other two FLGCs. However, the prequalification process for the three projects shall be conducted simultaneously.

Eligibility requirements and tender documents may be secured from **CFSP-NEDA BAC Secretariat beginning August 18, 2003 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of one thousand five hundred pesos (P1,500) to the NEDA-Caraga Only Contractors with PCAB License Category of at least Medium B and registered in Caraga Region shall be considered.**

Interested bidders are requested to submit their eligibility requirements and bids not later than **5:00 PM on Sept. 12, 2003.** The conduct of eligibility check shall be done on **Sept. 15, 2003 at 9:00 AM.** The Pre-Bid Conference shall be conducted on **Sept. 2, 2003, 9:00 AM** at the above address. The approved budget for the Sta. Josefa project is **P4,479,200.00.**

Bidding for the FLGC projects in Prosperidad and Jabonga shall be announced later. Bids shall be valid for a period of 120 days after bid opening and must be accomplished in accordance to Section 18 of the Implementing Guidelines of E.O. 40, series of 2001, as indicated in the instruction to Bidders

NEDA Caraga/CFSP reserves the right to waive any formality in the responses to the eligibility requirements and to this invitation. NEDA Caraga/CFSP further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or declare a failure of bidding, or not to award the contract and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

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The Land Registration Authority (LRA) invites all interested contractors, duly registered with the Government-Electronic Procurement System (G-EPS), to participate in the public bidding for the construction of the following infrastructure projects:

Project	Location	IAC License	Contract Duration	Approved Budget for the Contract
Registry of Deeds Bldg.	Aklan	Medium "A"	4 mos.	P3,717,890.12
Registry of Deeds Bldg.	Roxas City	Medium "A"	4 mos.	P3,108,433.22
Registry of Deeds Bldg.	San Fernando, La Union	Medium "A"	6 mos.	P6,708,625.00
Registry of Deeds Bldg.	Mambajao, Camiguin	Small "B"	4 mos.	P2,499,865.19

Interested Contractors shall be required to submit a LETTER OF INTENT for EACH PROJECT, addressed to the Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee for Infrastructure Projects (BAC-Infrastructure), 5th Floor, LRA Building, East Avenue corner NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City and shall submit for registration, a certified true copy of the following documents:

a. G-EPS and DTI or SEC Registration Certificate
b. Mayor's permit and Renewal of PCAD Contractor's License as of fiscal year 2003
c. Taxpayer's Identification Number
d. Sworn statement from the prospective bidder that it is not included in the "blacklist" issued by CIAP.

Eligibility Forms can be secured from the BAC-Infrastructure Secretariat, 5th Floor, LRA Building, from **September 02 to 05, 2003**, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PESOS FIVE HUNDRED (P500.00).

Deadline for the submission of eligibility requirements is on **September 15, 2003.** Prospective bidders shall present the original documents of all eligibility requirements for authentication purposes. Eligible parties shall be issued a complete set of Bid Documents on **September 25 to 29, 2003** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PESOS THREE THOUSAND (P3,000.00).

The Pre-Bid Conference shall be held at the LRA Multi-Purpose Hall, 5th Floor, LRA Building, on the following dates and time:

Project	Date	Time
RD-Aklan	September 30, 2003	10:00 a.m.
RD-Roxas City	September 30, 2003	1:30 p.m.
RD-San Fernando, La Union	September 30, 2003	3:30 p.m.
RD-Mambajao, Camiguin	October 01, 2003	1:30 p.m.

Sealed bids in two (2) envelopes shall be received and opened at the LRA Multi-Purpose Hall on the following dates and time:

Project	Date	Time
RD-Aklan	October 15, 2003	10:00 a.m.
RD-Roxas City	October 15, 2003	2:00 p.m.
RD-San Fernando, La Union	October 16, 2003	10:00 a.m.
RD-Mambajao, Camiguin	October 17, 2003	10:00 a.m.

The BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any required formality in the bids received, and accept such offer that may be considered most advantageous to LRA. The bidder shall bear all costs in the preparation of their bids and the government shall in no case be responsible or liable for their costs regardless of the outcome of the bidding process.

(Sgd.) EDILBERTO R. FELICIANO
Chairman, BAC-Infrastructure

(PDI–August 17, 24 & 31, 2003)

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Bid requirements will be issued at the PAGASA General Services Section, 3rd Floor, Building 1, Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City upon presentation of this advertisement clipping, together with the company's TIN on **August 20, 2003.**

Bidding documents will be issued by the BAC Secretariat from **August 26, 27, 28, 2003** at the General Services Section, 3rd Floor, Building 1, Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City, to those parties who applied and considered eligible to participate in the bidding.

Only eligible bidders shall be invited to the Opening of Bids on **September 15, 2003** at 2:00 p.m. at the 2nd Floor, Main Conference Room, Building 1, Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City. Bids should be accompanied by a 2.5% Bidder's Bond in a form of Cash, Manager's Check or GSIS Bond, callable on demand within 120 days from the bidding date.

All inquiries, concerning this invitation to bid should be addressed to the Chairman, PAGASA-BAC.

The PAGASA reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason of its own, waive any formality therein when necessary, and to accept complying offer considered most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) ROLU P. ENCARNACION
Chairman, PAGASA-BAC

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August 14, 2003

INVITATION FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The National Transmission Corporation, South Luzon Operation and Maintenance invites interested Filipino contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following projects/undertaking: *(Application is also open to a joint venture of Filipino and foreign contractors with PCAB Special License for this Project).*

Schedule	Contract Code/ Title	Location	Duration	Approved Budget For the Contract/Source of Fund	License and Registration Particulars Issued by PCAB
I	Trans-03-CDCKM-03 Construction of Drainage Canal at Tower Nos. 62 and 63 along Kalayaan-Malaya 230 kV Transmission Lines	Kalayaan-Malaya	60 Calendar days	Php 399,986.57 (ICG)	- at least *"Trade, General Engineering"* – at least *"Small A, Irrigation and Flood Control"*
II.	Trans-03-CDCGL-05 Construction of Drainage Canal at Tower No. 1 along Gumaca-Labo 230 kV Transmission Line	Gumaca-Labo	65 Calendar days	Php 599,677.95 (ICG)	– at least "Category D & C, General Engineering" – at least *"Small A, Irrigation and Flood Control"*

The contract to be performed by the successful bidder shall consist of Furnishing All Labor, Materials, Supplies, Tools and Equipment, Supervision and other Incidentals necessary to complete the following undertaking:

I. Construction of Drainage Canal at Tower Nos. 62 and 63 along Kalayaan-Malaya 230kV T/L
II. Construction of Drainage Canal at Tower No. 1 along Gumaca-Labo 230kV T/L

Application for Eligibility (legal, technical and financial documents and statements) shall be evaluated using "PASS/FAIL" criteria and only Eligible Bidders shall be invited by NTC in the bidding. All bids equal to or lower than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be evaluated based on the responsiveness of the contractor's offer to the contract under bidding, and shall be subject to Postqualification before an award is made. Bid Prices submitted higher than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be rejected and returned outright.

Application for Eligibility and Eligibility Forms will be available for issuance starting August 18, 2003 up to September 2, 2003 at the Regional Contracts Management Office, NTC, South Luzon Operation and Maintenance, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna, Telefax No. 520-8213 and E-mail Address (rdramas@transco.ph) presentation of Letter of Intent, original PCAB License and a payment of non-refundable fee of P600.00 per copy

Deadline for submission of duly accomplished Application for Eligibility, Eligibility Forms, documents and statements shall be on or before 10:00 A.M. of September 2, and 3, 2003 for Schedule I and II respectively which shall be submitted at the office address mentioned above. If the date is a non-working day or declared non-working day, the deadline for submission shall be moved to the next working day immediately following said date. Late submission and/or incomplete application shall not be accepted

NTC reserves the right to reject any Application for Eligibility or all bids without offering any reasons, waive any required formality therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

Additional information shall be furnished upon request. All communication should be addressed to the undersigned at the aforementioned address. (Note: This invitation was based on the latest amendments dated May 24, 2000 and July 5, 2000 of Implementing Rules and Regulations of PD 1594 & Executive Order 40)

(Sgd.) R.D. RAMAS
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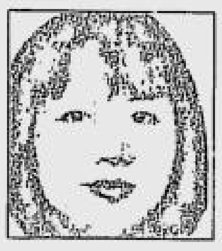

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Her remains lie in state at Garden Suite, Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, August 20, 2003 at Manila Memorial Park, Dasmariñas, Cavite after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Jose "Pepe" Batica De Veyra

Peacefully joined our Creator
on August 12, 2003

His loving wife **Alma**, children **Chiqui**, **Janna**, **Yvette**, **Jayvee**, brothers, sisters, relatives & friends request the readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Interment will be on August 20, 2003 in Legazpi City.

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He who believes in Me will live
Even though he dies, and whoever
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NESTOR G. DIMAYUGA, M.D.

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on August 16, 2003 at the age of 60.

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His remains lie in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati City.

His remains will be cremated at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the 7:30 a.m. Mass on August 22, 2003.

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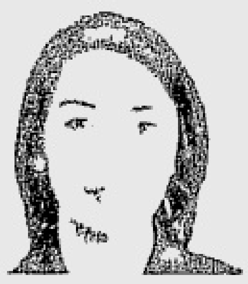

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- Development of Farmer Friendly Techno-guides for the 6 priority commodities.
- Revised the IEC Development Manual.
- Develop a Training Program and conduct the required training for FITCS personnel on the Development of Farmer Friendly IEC Materials and

The consultant must be a Community and Development Communication specialist, Agricultural Extension and/or communication and Mass Media Specialist. Experience in participatory IEC development, planning and strategy formulation and training management is an advantage. Letters of interest should be submitted not later than **August 22, 2003**. Full terms of reference and letters of invitation to submit proposals will be issued to short listed candidates on or before **August 27, 2003**. The successful contractor will be required to provide four (4) man-months of consultancy services to undertake aforementioned activities. For inquiries, contact:

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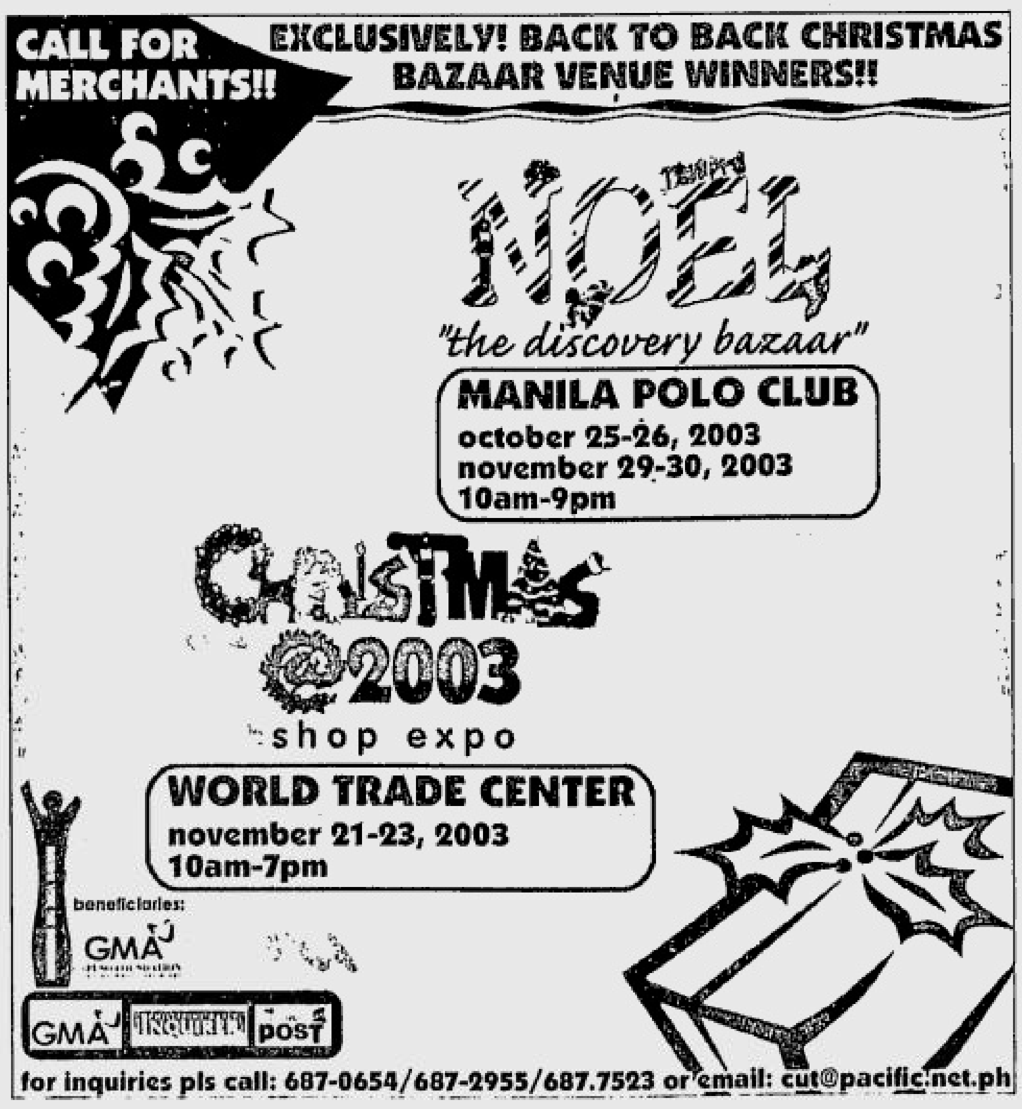

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Office of the Secretary
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BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

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Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila
Philippines
Tel. No. (632) 743-83-01 Local 1336
E-Mail Address: www.doh.gov.ph

8 AUGUST 2003

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

IFB NO. 2003-9-12 (20)

The Department of Health hereby invites sealed written bids for the Supply and Delivery of Emergency Room Equipment. The approved budget for this procurement is Two Million Seven Hundred Twenty Three Thousand (PhP2,723,000) Philippine Pesos, chargeable against the Continuing Appropriation for Capital Outlay of CY2002.

Only responsible and duly accredited suppliers/manufacturers/distributors as certified by the Department of Health Supplier's Accreditation Committee for Medical/Hospital/Laboratory/Dental Equipment and Supplies/Instruments are qualified to participate for the following:

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit
1.	ECG Machine, Manual, 220 VAC, 60 HZ	15	Units
	with build-in rechargeable battery		
2.	Stethoscope, Dual Diaphragm, Adult	40	Units
3.	Nebulizer, Compressor, 220V 60Hz	35	Units
4.	Oxygen Therapy Set (Oxygen Regulator)	35	Units
5.	Instrument Sterilizer, Table Type (local)	35	Units
6.	Minor Set, Stainless Steel	35	Sets
7.	Examination Table	35	Units
8.	Ambu Bag, Infant (Manual Resuscitator for Infant)	35	Units

A complete set of bidding documents may be obtained by interested bidders upon submission of Letter of Intent (LOI), authenticated valid DOH Supplier's Accreditation Certificate for Medical/Hospital/Laboratory Equipment and Supplies/Instruments and upon payment of non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Pesos (PhP2,000.00) from August 18 to September 9, 2003, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Procurement and Logistics Service, Bldg. #26 Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, telefax no. (632) 711-68-31, tel. no. (632) 743-83-01 loc. 3626 & 3627.

A *pre-bidding conference* will be held on August 28, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. at HHRDB Conference Room, 3/F, Bldg. # 12-A, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

Bids must be submitted to the Central Office Bids and Awards Committee (COBAC) at the HHRDB Conference Room, 3/F Bldg. # 12-A, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, not later than 9:30 a.m. on *September 12, 2003*.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security payable to the DOH in an amount equivalent to a percentage of the approved budget, in the form of cash, certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft (1%) and bank guarantee confirmed by a reputable local bank (1.5%) or any combination thereof, as may be required by the Department of Health.

The Department of Health reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds to the Department of Health.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:
(Sgd.) **ALEXANDER A. PADILLA**
Undersecretary of Health
Chairperson, Central Office Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI - August 17 & 24, 2003)

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DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines

Tanggapan ng Pangalawang Kalihim
Office of the Undersecretary

Telefax : 633-93-42
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Education through the Health and Nutrition Center is inviting all suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for 969,696 packs of Fortified Biscuits with a budget of P2,909,000.00.

All interested suppliers may avail of the bidding documents upon submission of a Letter of Intent and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) starting **August 18 - September 4, 2003** at the BAC Secretariat Office, Rm. 112-A Mabini Bldg., DepEd Complex, Pasig City or visit the DepEd Website at: http://www.deped.gov.ph.

A pre-bid conference will be held on **August 28, 2003**, 10:00 AM at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Bldg. 1, DepEd Complex, Pasig City. The deadline for the submission and opening of bids shall be on September 11, 2003 at the same time and place mentioned above.

DepEd-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive deficiencies embodied therein without assuming any obligation whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids. DepEd-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
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TESDA

Technical Education & Skills Development Authority

Invitation for Tenders

Invitation for Tender No. ICB-EDET-01-03

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received loan No. BMZ 2000 66 142 of EURO 7.338 million from Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) towards the cost of the Expansion of Dual Education and Training (EDET) Project, implemented by the technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for which this invitation for tenders is issued.

2. TESDA now invites sealed tenders from eligible tenderers for the supply of the following goods:

   Lot 1 : Automotive
   Lot 2 : Electrical and Electronics
   Lot 3 : Metals and Engineering
   Lot 4 : Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology (HVACR)
   Lot 5 : Health Care
   Lot 6 : Shoe and Leather Goods
   Lot 7 : Agriculture
   Lot 8 : Fisheries
   Lot 9 : Computer Equipment and Audio-Visual Equipment
   Lot 10 : Educational Furniture

   Tenders shall be submitted for all items within any lot and will be evaluated and awarded on a lot basis.

3. Eligible tenderers are manufacturers or suppliers without limitation to nationality. The formation of a consortium is acceptable, provided a lead partner is designated. A tenderer not established in the Philippines is required to have an authorized agent or local branch in the Philippines, capable of rendering after-service, including handling of warranty claims as well as technical support of equipment included in the tendered lots.

4. There is no restriction on the origin of the goods to be offered.

5. Interested eligible tenderers may obtain further information from and inspect the tender documents at the office of TESDA or in Germany (KfW) at the address below.

6. The tender documents may be purchased by interested tenderers on the submission of a written application to TESDA at the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of EURO 80 or Philippine Pesos 5000 to defray the cost of tendering. Foreign tenderers shall deposit their payment for purchase of Tender Documents thru Bank Transfer to: BSP Account Number 021085295 Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to Treasurer of the Philippines FCD Dollar Account.

7. Alternatively, the tender documents may be obtained in Germany (KfW), for further information please refer to bfai (www.bfai.de)

8. All banking charges and fees related to the purchase of the bidding documents such as bank transfer shall be for tenderer's account. Bank's Checks are not acceptable. The tender documents may be sent through e-mail (if agreed by the tenderer), courier or collected in CD-ROM format by the authorized representative of the tenderer from the office stated below following the receipt by TESDA or KfW of a written request quoting tender No. ICB-EDET-01-03, providing contact details of company and document confirming payment of the tender documents.

9. Tenders must be delivered at the address of TESDA as stated below on or before 0900 hours (local time) on October 15, 2003 and must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2% of the total bid price in EURO. Tenders will be opened in the presence of tenderers' representatives, who choose to attend at 0920 hours (local time), on October 15, 2003.

   A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on September 24, 2003 at 1400 hours.

   Further information may be obtained from the Property and Supply Division, TESDA at telephone number +63-2-893-8296.

Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
Attention: The Chairman
Bids and Awards Committee
East Service Road, South Superhighway
Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila
Philippines
Telefax: No. +63-2-893-8296

(Sgd.) ALCESTIS M. GUIANG
Project Director, EDETP
(Director General, TESDA)

(PDI–Aug. 17 & 23, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS

13 August 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO LTO REGIONAL/DISTRICT OFFICE
PETC OPERATORS
SUBJECT . ACCOUNTABLE CERTIFICATE OF EMISSION COMPLIANCE (CEC) FORMS

Consistent with certain provisions of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and in order to avoid the proliferation of unauthorized or fake CEC forms, all LTO Regional and District Offices are hereby ordered to honor emission test result reflected in the accountable forms duly prescribed and issued by DOTC only. To avoid operational conflicts, PETC operators are hereto advised to issue the emission test results in the prescribed CEC form. Issuances not in the prescribed forms are considered not valid as documentary requirements for renewal of vehicle registration. A proforma is hereto attached for ready reference.

Be informed that the distribution of the accountable CEC forms shall be centralized at the Interagency PETC Monitoring Committee with office address at DOTC 16th floor, Columbia Tower, Ortigas Avenue, Mandaluyong City at production cost only. Further, the number of CEC to be issued to a PETC shall be based on the transactions previously handled and as reported to LTO-MID.

This Memorandum shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its submission of three (3) copies thereof with the UP Law Center or publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

(Sgd.) ARTURO T. VALDEZ
Undersecretary
Chairman, DOTC PETC Monitoring Committee

DOTC/LTO Accredited and Authorized Private Emission Testing Center
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Cert. No. A 000020001

This is to certify that the Vehicle hereunder stated more particularly described as follows

Name of Registered Owner : ____________________
Address : ____________________
Series : ____________________
Plate No. : ____________________
Make : ____________________
Chassis No.: ____________________
Engine No.: ____________________
Diesel Class: ____________________
Color: ____________________
Type: ____________________
LTO File # ____________________
Date Tested: ____________________
Net Capacity: ____________________
Vehicle Category (1st Reg.): ________
Gross Weight: ____________________
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has ____________________ the smoke Emission Test conducted by this Emission Testing Center pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act 8749 with the following results.

Test Method

Opacimeter Ave. Result	Emission Standard				Gas Analyzer Final Result	Emission Standard		
	Category (Reg. Date)	Nat.	Tur.	1000 m elev.		Category (Reg. Date)	CO% (V)	HC ppm
						< Jun 1, 1997	4.5	800
						>= Jun. 1, 1997, < Jan. 1, 2003	3.5	600
	< Dec. 31, 2002	2.5	3.5	4.5	CO %	>= Jun. 1, 2003 (low idle)	0.5	100
K						>= Jun. 1, 2003 (high idle)	0.3	100
	>=Jan. 1, 2003	1.2	2.2	3.2	HC ppm	Motorcycle		
						<=Dec. 31, 2002	6.0	-
						> Dec. 31, 2002	4.5	-

Given this ____________
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Bring sparkle to your life, drink Perrier

YOU'VE seen the elegant green bottles at supermarket shelves or hotel lobbies. You've probably even seen it on TV gracing the perimeters of sporting events like the French Open. Here in Manila, it recently toured bars and restaurants and dared Filipinos to experience Perrier Sparkling Water.

And this whole time you ask, what is Perrier?

Perrier Natural Mineral Water gushes from the earth in southwestern France, in a village called Vergeze. The Perrier spring is just 200 meters from an ancient Roman road linking Italy to Spain. The Romans, great lovers of quality water, drank from the Perrier spring as they traveled this road and settled in the region.

The sources is traditionally called "Les Bouillens" and means bubbling waters. The creation of the Perrier natural spring dates back to a geological movement that took place many millions of years ago. Perrier Mineral Water is the direct result of underground and natural gas configurations, which feed the source.

In 1898, Dr. Louis Perrier, a medical doctor, specialized in sparkling water health benefits, bought the spring. St. John Harmsworth, a young Englishman, acquired the source in 1903 and registered the Perrier brand. He thought of the famous little green bottle shape, inspired by the Indian clubs.

Today Perrier is exactly as nature made it: naturally sparkling and pure water with the perfect mix of natural carbonation and minerals. It has become the world leader in sparkling mineral waters. In the span of one century, Perrier's history, its personality, and its natural goodness have made Perrier a legend in its own time. Perrier continues to enjoy international presence and prestige, and is currently sold in over 140 countries.

What makes Perrier so unique is the fact that it is 100 percent natural and refreshing. It has no sugar, no caffeine and no calories.

The secret to Perrier's special taste is in the strength of its bubbles and in its low sodium and bicarbonate content.

Perrier is a versatile drink that can be enjoyed all day and through the night in numerous ways. It is clear that Perrier suits everyone's tastes and lifestyles. Choose one way to prepare it, name it your favorite and make Perrier your everyday staple. Bring to life the Perrier spirit - refreshing, bubbling and definitely sparkling.

Perrier is locally marketed by Nestle Waters Philippines Inc. For more information log on to www.nestle-waters.com.ph.

BANCO DE ORO JOINS INVESTMENT PLANNING SEMINAR

Banco de Oro Universal Bank (BDO) recently participated in the Investment Planning Seminar organized by Manila Electric Company (Meralco) and the Meralco Pension Fund. BDO representatives gave a short talk on investment to the Meralco employees who attended the seminar. BDO also set up a booth featuring the bank's investment products. Present at the exhibit area were (from left): Rose Beltran, BDO SM Mega A branch manager; Jenny Lardizabal, BDO treasury assistant manager; Bubut de Villa, BDO SM Mega B branch manager; Ency Esguerra, BDO trust banking senior manager; Manolo Fernando, Meralco assistant treasurer; Charles Rodriguez, BDO Corbank VP; and Alvin Ortiz, BDO Corbank AVP.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO PSME-MHC

Photo shows engineer Rodolfo Tablante, president of PSME-MHC, accepting the award from International Food and Beverage Expo master of ceremonies engineer Vitaliano Mamawal III (PSE-MHC - director and Time board of trustee) for their undying and sincere support in making the big event a successful one. The awarding ceremonies was held during the opening of the 5th International Food and Beverage at the World trade Center. Also shown in the photo accepting their awards are Archie Gupalor (trade and promo manager of San Miguel Corp.), William Bailey (president of European Chamber of Commerce) and engineer Cesar Lim (Time Foundation Inc. president).

PHILIPPINE-SPANISH FRIENDSHIP DAY

Spanish Ambassador Ignacio Sagaz (in coat) is shown with NHI deputy executive director Emelita Almosara, Fr. Roy Rosales of Arzobizpo de Manila (far left) and Fr. Eduardo Perez, OSA of San Agustin Church, during the opening of the exhibits at San Agustin Church, one of the activities held in commemoration of the Philippine-Spanish friendship day.

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Clips

Sebastinian IV-Red '93 HS Reunion

CALLING all IV-Red batch '93 of San Sebastian College (Cavite City), Sept. 27 will mark the "Return of the Reds" (Return of the Comeback II with Extra Added Bonus). The venue as well as other regards for the reunion will be discussed on Aug. 23 6:00 p.m. at April Igtiben's residence in Remelville Subd. Noveleta, Cavite. Please bring P500 for the reunion fund. Classmates can contact the following: Alvin 'Manokman' Manalo - 438-1051 / 0919-4121797; April 'Ms. F4' Igtiben - 438-1954 / 0917-8140409; Arnold 'Websiteman' Idio - 431-1255 / 0920-4057755; Benedict 'Loverboy' Muncal - 438-7063 / 0918-9404986; and Normandy 'Pogi-Pa-Rin' dela Paz - 438-0613 / 0919-2597868. Let's volt in!

Magazine writing and editing seminar slated

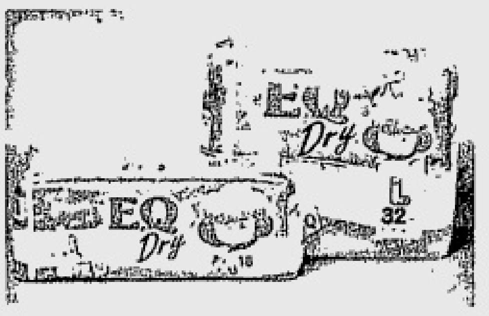
A SEMINAR on magazine writing and editing is slated for two Sunday afternoons, on Aug. 17 and 24, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The seminar will offer practical tips on how to get published, how to formulate a story idea, how to pitch it to an editor, and will include a session on writing and editing. Facilitator is Mona Gonzales, a veteran writer for 20 years. She currently writes regularly for two regional magazines, and two local glossy magazines. She is also a columnist and parenting editor of "Moms and Kids". Interested participants may visit Corban Daycare and Tutorial Service Center at 6F, MB Aguirre Bldg., Elizalde St. cor. President's Ave., Sucat Parañaque, or call 842-6665 / 809-3050 / 0917-629-7718.

WJA's 21st Biennial Congress of the Law of the World

THE World Jurist Association (WJA) will hold its 21st Biennial Congress of the Law of the World on Aug. 17 to 23 in Sydney and Adelaide, Australia. This was announced by lawyer Gema Leticia Tablate, president of the WJA Philippines. The WJA is an umbrella organization of the World Association of Judges the World Association of Lawyers and the World Association of Law Professors. Our very own Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. is the honorary president while former Solicitor General Raul Goco was a past president. The Philippine delegation to attend is composed of members from the judiciary, the academe, law profession, corporate counsels and lawyers in government service. First venue of the congress will be Sydney, then Adelaide. Post conference travels include tours to New Zealand, Ayers Rock, the Great Barrier Reef, Alice Spring, Canberra and Melbourne. Interested delegates and friends may call Chona at 523-4055 or Adams Express travel (521-1651/98/38) for details.

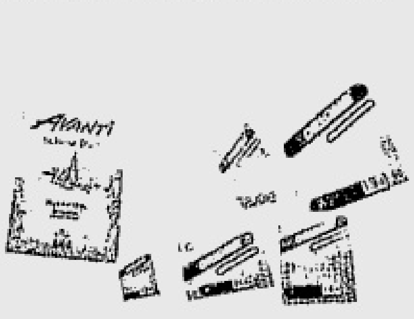
Product FILES

New EQ Diapers in the market



EQ DRY Disposable Diapers recently introduced its new diaper feature in the market nationwide. EQ Dry which stands for Economy and Quality, is one of the more popular diaper brands in the market today. High quality at affordable prices is one of its hallmark features thereby developing a loyal following among budget conscious families. The new diaper feature is as high in quality but is available at the same time affordable price as the original EQ Dry diapers. Aside from the wetness indicator, it now features a cloth-like covering similar to the high-end disposable diaper brands currently available in the market. EQ Dry added a soft cloth-like material on top of its plastic covering to make babies feel more comfortable. The move is in keeping with the company's goal of developing and distributing baby diapers that are equally affordable to all. EQ Dry Disposable Baby Diaper with cloth-like cover is available in all leading supermarkets, groceries and drugstores nationwide.

Avanti and Orions school pads



AVAILABLE for grades 1 to 4, Orions Writing Pads are the ideal companions for grade schoolers who are just learning the basics. And for high school students, the Orions Intermediate Pads are the best for every lesson. For the tertiary level, the Avanti Yellow Pad is perfect for note takings and exams. Quality and affordability combined, Orions and Avanti are manufactured by Sterling Paper Products Ent. Inc., makers of quality paper products. They are available at all leading bookstores, department stores and stationery stores nationwide.

HOTTEST KIDS IN HOTWHEELS' HIGHWAY 35 WORLD OF TRAX

In photo are the junior category winners of the Hotwheels' Highway 35 World of Trax elimination round held in Shangri-La Plaza last June 9 to 15. They have the fastest Hotwheels die-cast which vied with the other winners from other venues last Aug. 3 in Kidz Station, Powerplant Mall, Makati City. Hotwheels is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. Another product of Mattel and exclusively distributed in the Philippines by Richwell Trading Corp. of 25 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City. For more information about the Hotwheels' events, call the marketing department of Richwell Trading Corp. at 732-5141 to 47 and look for Aleli or Elsie.

Service Agreement Signing

JRU, EQUITABLE PCI BANK SERVICE AGREEMENT SIGNING

The Fasteller off-site ATM service agreement signing ceremony between Jose Rizal University and Equitable PCI Bank was held recently at the Francisco Santiago Hall of Equitable PCI Bank, Tower 1, Makati City. Shown in the picture (foreground, from left) are Carment Bate and Dr. Vincent Fabella, president of Jose Rizal University; Messr. Dennis Velasquez and Greg Severino, SVP and AVP, respectively, of Equitable PCI Bank. At the background are (2nd and 3rd from left) Augusto Fabella, and Theodore Calaguas, of JRU, together with the other officers of the bank. The ATM service outlet, located at the Building H. lobby of JRU, is linked with BancNet; it is for easy accessibility and convenience of all JRU stakeholders and clientele, e.g., faculty students, university employees, parents of students and visitors.

HOGI
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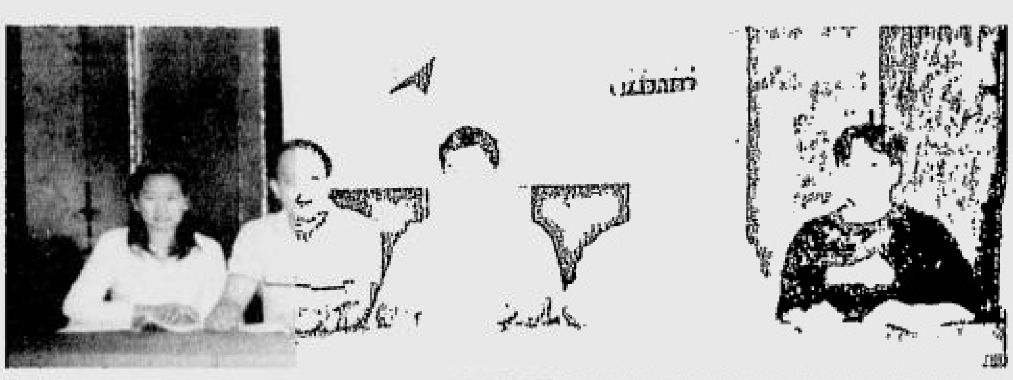
OUTREACH

PURINA'S OUTREACH PROGRAM

As part of Purina's nationwide Hogi Gamit-Eskwela Outreach program, Hogi, the official mascot of Purina together with the Purina Team donated school bags, notebooks, pencil cases and pencils to the grade school students of Tayabas East Elementary School in Quezon last July 3. They also invited other schools from the provinces of Isabela, Cagayan, Bulacan, Bataan, Rizal, Laguna, Nueva Ecija, Pangasinan and Nueva Vizcaya. Soon the Purina Gamit Eskwela Outreach program will reach the provinces of Ilocos, Bicol, Iloilo and Mindanao.



STYLUS GRAPHICS, COMPACT GRAPHICS SIGN PARTNERSHIP DEAL

Stylus Graphics has signed a partnership contract with Compact Graphics Advertising Design Services Inc. to exceed clients' expectations in producing large format printing for billboard, drop banner, duratrans, photopaper and stickers. This various non-conventional needs of the advertising industry will surely be a head turner. Signing the contract are (from left) Lou Solita - division manager, Compact Graphics Advertising; Louie Sison - president, Compact Graphics Advertising; Rommel Quia - general manager, Stylus Graphics Inc.; Bart Ofiana - managing director, Compact Graphics Advertising and Allan Quia - assistant manager, Stylus Graphics Inc.

Benguet Corp. celebrates 100th year in business

The BenguetCo
3-20

SYCIP Salazar Law Office Ethelwoldo Fernandez, Martin Romualdez, Jose Ricafort of Nadecor, Jiro Bando of Nissho Iwai and former DENR Secretary Heherson Alvarez.

BENGUET president Philip Romualdez, directors Luis Juan Virata, Bernardo Villegas and Martha Lucero and former Benguet president Delfin Lazaro.

BENGUET CORP., the pioneer of modern mining in the Philippines, celebrated its 100 years in the country with activities that highlighted its long history.

The firm's board and management, led by its chair, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and president/CEO Benjamin Philip G. Romualdez opened last Aug. 12 a photo exhibit entitled "Yesterday's Tomorrows: The Benguet Corp. Story." The exhibit featured an inspiring display of the firm's legacies to the mining industry and economic contributions to the country. The Centennial Stamp from PhilPost Corp., Centennial Marker from the National Historical Institute and the Centennial Website were also launched.

On the same day, a tree planting program, a reunion and cañao were held simultaneously at the Benguet Gold Operation in Benguet Province and at the Masinloc Chromite Operation in Zambales.

In the following weeks, medical outreach programs were held in the various barangays of Itogon Municipality in Benguet, where modern mining operations began 100 years ago.

Benguet Corp. is the oldest mining company in the Philippines, founded on Aug. 12, 1903. Its commercial operations started in its first mine and mill facility in Antamok with an average daily production of 350 grams of gold from its 60-ton unit. It became the largest gold, copper and refractory chromite producer in the country for most of the century.

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Benguet has built and operated five hospitals and dispensaries accommodating 500 hundred beds. Patients were fully subsidized by the firm. Benguet has built more than 200 kilometers of roads opening up communities to commerce and connecting them to the rest of the country. It has linked previously impassable areas by building 80 bridges and seven earth dams, one of which is the largest in Asia. Benguet has contributed $7.6 billion or P408.9 billion at current rates.

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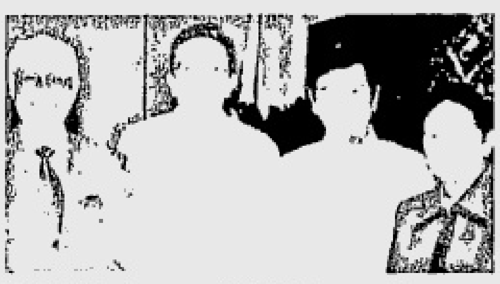

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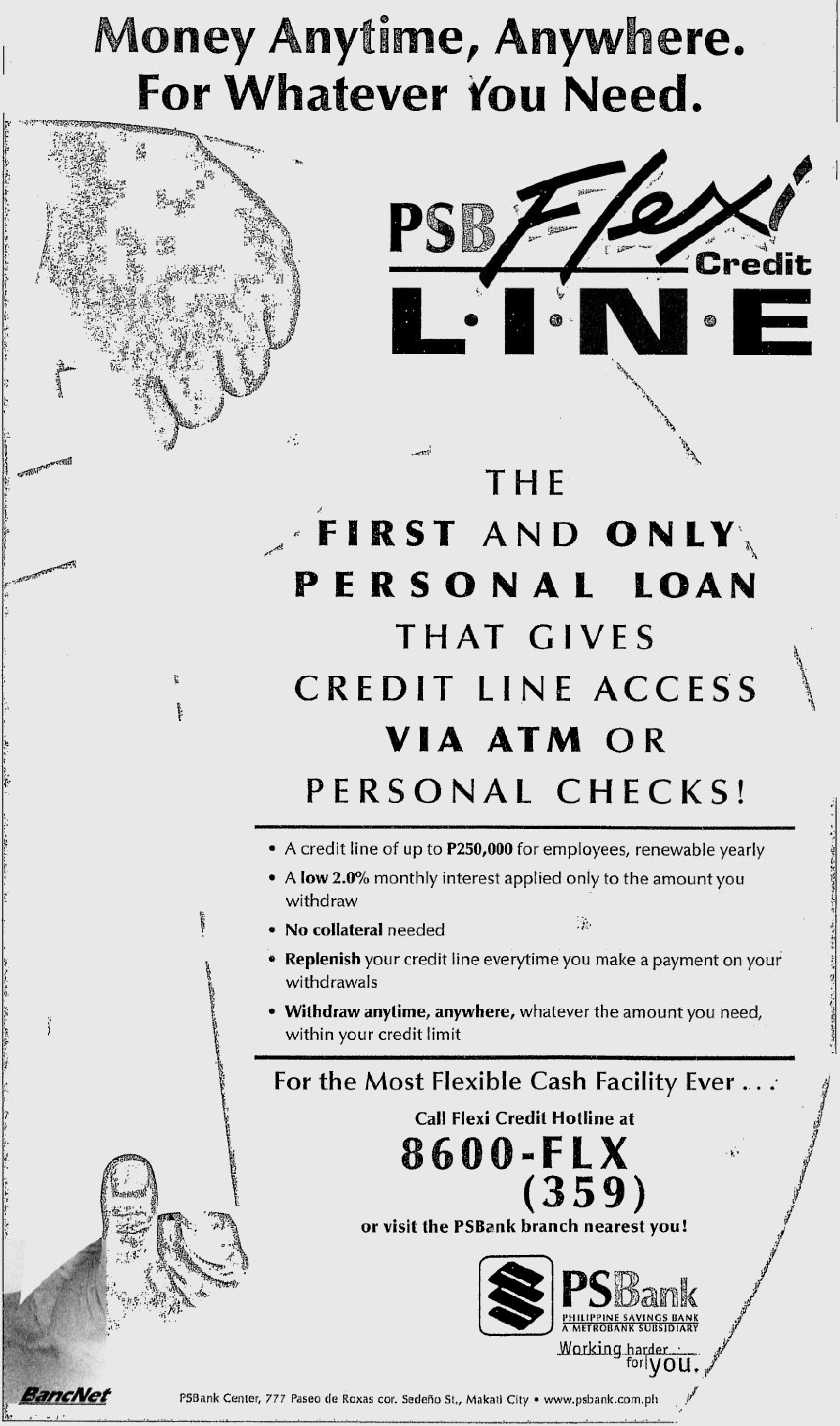

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Osang: I got hooked on drugs again

ROCES says she's also pregnant again. RUDY ESPERAS

By Nini Valera

ACTRESS and TV host Rosanna Roces had to kick a drug habit, which cost her P100,000 a week, to become pregnant.

On the set of her sitcom "Da Boy and Da Girl" last Monday, Osang, as the sex star is called, said she got hooked on Stilnox, a sleeping drug. She also claimed she is pregnant.

The sexy star said she took Stilnox so she would not feel hunger pangs and just go to sleep.

"I am an actress and I am not supposed to

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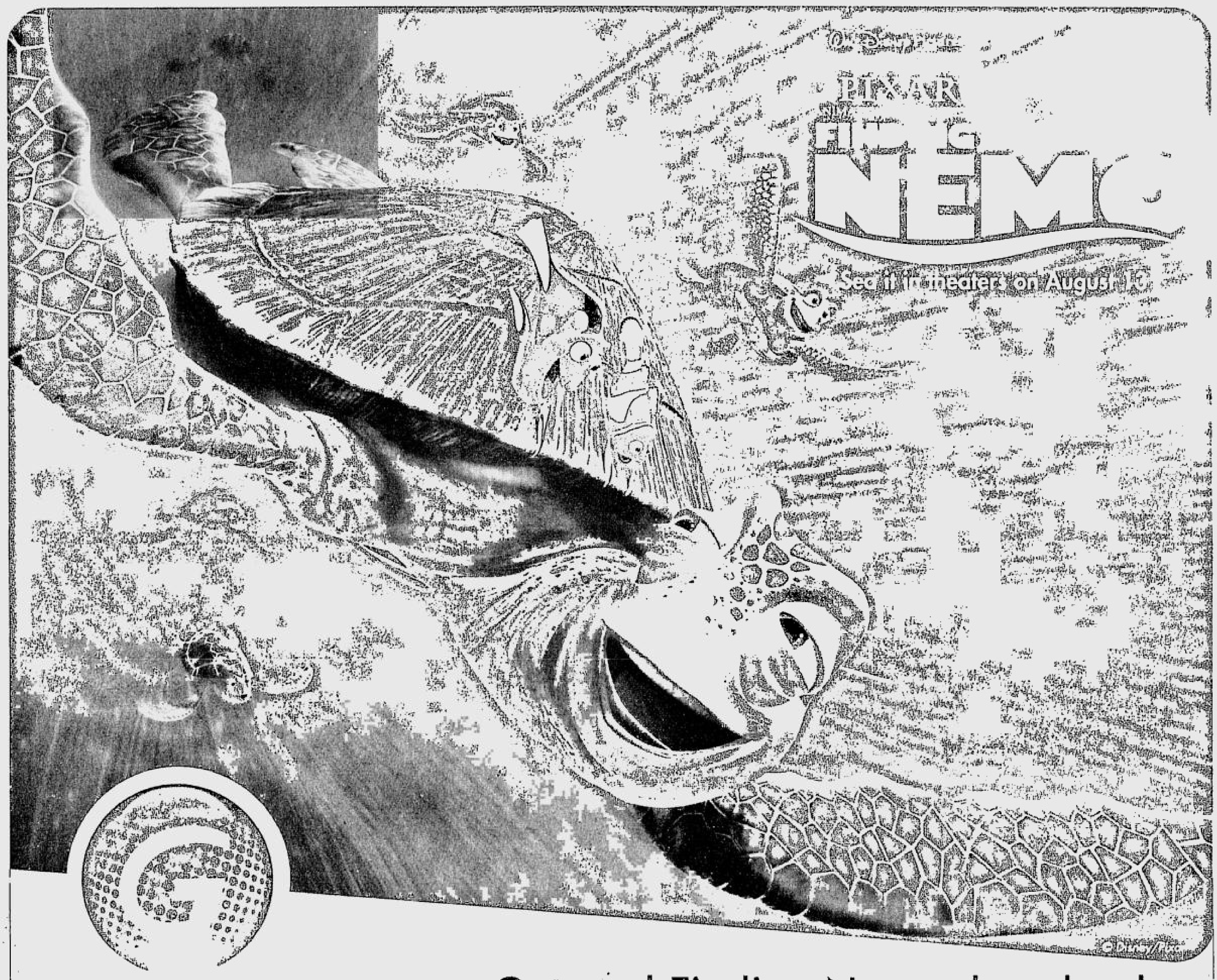

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Mother Lily, 'Nay Lolit, et. al.

JUICE

Jo-Ann Q. Maglipo

NOBODY believes it when I say that Mother Lily is not crazy. That 'Nay Lolit has a big, big heart. And that show biz is a really fun place to be.

I mean it, too.

Mother **Lily Yu Monteverde**, 64, is one very sharp businesswoman, whether she's in tractable real estate here and abroad or in the more volatile business of making movies.

Take 1998, the year she began producing her *pito-pito* films. By idiom, these were low-budget flicks which threatened, at the expense of art, to complete themselves in the sweep of seven days—an exaggeration, of course, but you get the drift. In practice, she was actually still picking them right: **Jeffrey Jeturian, Erik Matti, Lav Diaz**. But in private, everyone was already wondering when she'd lost it exactly. She was, after all, producer of the complex and sophisticated "Manila by Night" and the brave and empathetic "Sister Stella L," and those films didn't get that way by counting to seven.

What no one knew was that, by her arithmetic, she was simply riding out the slump. Her Regal Films Inc. was P500 million in debt, box-office revenue for local films was declining, tax incentives nowhere in sight and censorship teetering from paranoid to pathetic. No way was she putting out her millions under those conditions.

Today, where others did not survive the slump (Reyna Films, Millennium, FLT), she is liquid again. And churning out big-budget films again ("Yamashita," "Spirit Warriors," "Mano Po").

No, Mother is not crazy.

But even better proof that she is not is the way she knows exactly where she stands in show business. She is no longer No. 1—and she knows it.

Once on her birthday, I pointed to a rather small but good-looking gift wreath. That's from Star Cinema/ABS, she said, and being in some mood proceeded to tell the story of the very first birthday wreath she got from them. *"Ang laki-laki, ang taas-taas,"* she said, throwing her arms sideways and up. "*Umabot sa kisame dito sa* Greenhills."

At that time, she continued, Star Cinema was just starting, its people were wooing her into sharing ownership 50-50, and she was giving them a fully finished **Bong Revilla** action biggie. Over the next years, relations between her and Star Cinema soured, the new company, propped up by a whole television network, hit it big, while her own was bobbing up and down.

"*Alam mo,*" she said, laughing so hard it brought tears to her eyes, "every year *padala pa rin sila bulaklak. Pero* every year *paliit nang paliit!*" The rather small but good-looking one I was pointing at, she said, was their gift that year.

Oh.

And what was that I was saying about 'Nay Lolit and her big, big heart?

Knock me unconscious and I'll still say the same thing. **Lolit Solis** has a cavernous heart somewhere in that 56-year-old body that allows all kinds of strangers and strange events into her life.

Anything less, and she can't possibly bathe, feed, groom, and baby 42—yes, forty-two—yelping dogs, all of them housed right inside her modest Fairview home. This mistress actually reminds herself not to move too often or too quickly in her own bed, lest she disturb the 10 sleeping beauties keeping her company in the bedroom.

She is not any less with people.

All those giveaways (candles, calendars, cakes, clothes) she hoards at press cons—where do you think they go? Of course, she gives them away. And when the children of the children of her children—"Anak" is how she calls her talents—need shelter, like **Lotlot de Leon** and her four kids did, not too far back—trust her to give them her other home in a fancy subdivision in Binangonan. Someone else might have said, "Let that be Boyet's or Nora's or Pilita's problem," but that wouldn't be Lolit.

SOLIS. The scam was about heart and about arrogance.

Let me go out on a limb here and say that even the shameful filmfest scam of 1994 was, at its core, about heart.

Her favored *"anak,"* **Gabby Concepcion**, was raking it in then as one of the country's top three matinee idols, but an acting award was what he craved, and he made sure to purr about it to his 'Nay Lolit. Well, this *nanay* wasn't about to see her *anak* go unhappy, and who cared that she had to make it happen for him by scum and scam.

Unfortunately for her, everyone cared. She was browbeat to death in every home and office and coffee shop and marketplace and mall, and worst of it was, she had to take it alone. Gabby, the son she would do anything for, had abandoned her very early in the day.

But even as I say that the scam was, at its core, about heart, let me say that it was, at its core, *also* about arrogance.

Arrogance that came with pride and bigness, one that could delude a mortal into believing she was untouchable, thereby provoking the gods to remind her, and always dramatically, of her place in the universe. Elsewhere, it's called hubris.

Now that's another story, and one from the past. But suddenly, with "Mano Po 2," it's become a story of the present.

The arrogance is back.

One fine day, **Lorna Tolentino** decided the role of the Third Wife was hers and hers alone and not Dina Bonnevie's, and she purred about it to her manager Lolit. And so, to humor yet another *anak*, 'Nay Lolit let bigness go to work again.

(To be concluded)

MONTEVERDE. A very sharp businesswoman, she's no longer No. 1 as a producer, and she knows it.

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Jed's dad glad to be proven wrong

'I saw the passion in his eyes and I said yes'

MADDELA finally getting long-overdue recognition at home

SHOW STOPPER

WHEN Jed Maddela placed second in the recent Voice of Asia contest in Kazakhstan, he won the battle not just for the Philippines, which he represented, but also for himself.

Like all well-meaning parents, Jed's father Roy had been against his son's becoming a professional singer. He wanted Jed to finish college, which Jed did, and to get a stable job after graduation.

The older Maddela recalls: "Jed was all set to leave for Manila for a job with Wyeth-Suaco when he told me, 'Dad, just one album, please.' I saw the passion in his eyes and I said yes."

The Maddelas are from Iloilo.

Jed's victory in Kazakhstan, where he won $3,500 and other prizes, proved the father decided right. Jed not only did the country proud when he bested 18 other singers from 16 other nations, but he is also now gaining long-overdue recognition at home.

The former band member is reportedly swamped with offers to do TV appearances. Universal Records has set an Aug. 30 deadline for his debut album, "Jed Maddela—I'll Be Around," from the title of one of his three winning pieces in Kazakhstan. Jed also sang a rearranged version of "Be My Lady" in the contest.

The album will not only keep Jed busy, it will also keep him from accepting invitations from his fellow contestants to join other singing contests in Macedonia and Prague.

"The contestants were together for only seven to eight days, but the rapport among us was great, the language barrier notwithstanding," says Jed, who continues to communicate with the contestant-singers from other countries through e-mail and text.

The three-day competition, where each contestant was required to sing one song, also enriched Jed professionally for it exposed him to other singing and performing styles.

Jed remembers feeling nervous on the first day of the competition. But he won the approval not just of the judges but also of laymen, who voted him Most Popular Singer in an Internet survey.

Now, his proud father can tell him, "Go ahead, Jed, go where your heart takes you."

Osang: I got hooked on drugs . . .

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be fat," Osang said in Filipino. "Before I knew it, I was taking more and more each night. I was hooked. I could no longer sleep if I did not drink it."

Soon, she was spending P100,000 a week to buy the drug, and one night, she drank about 100 pills. This was when she decided to stop, she said.

Not even her husband, Tito Molina, objected to her drug habit.

"What could he do?" she said. "It was better for him to just see me at home, sleeping."

Detoxification

She said she was not scared she would overdose on the pills and die.

"I have a death wish," she said. "In my dreams, I would always be with my dad, and I no longer wanted to wake up."

Dad is lawyer Arsenio Adriano, who adopted her and treated her as the youngest in a brood of 10.

"Recently, I voluntarily submitted myself to rapid detoxification," Osang said. Part of her treatment is for her to finish three paintings a day. This got her hooked on painting in oil, producing a body of work done during sleepless nights.

"If there's a part of my life that I wished never happened, it's this bout with sleeping pills," she said. "It's ugly. I tell my children I would know if they were taking drugs because I've been through it myself."

About two years ago, she had also admitted on her talk show that she got hooked on Ecstasy, a pricey designer drug.

Why she said no

She claimed pregnancy when she was asked why she did not accept a role in Seiko Films' filmfest entry "Crying Ladies."

"I'm pregnant," she said, rubbing her stomach, which was still flat. She said she's hoping for a boy.

"I don't want to cause delay in the shoot," she said. "I don't want to jeopardize my baby. It's no longer easy for me to be pregnant."

The actress is 31 and already has two children from a couple of failed relationships.

"My body is changing," she explained in Taglish. "My breasts are tender. My nipples are swollen and my hips are getting bigger. I'm sure I'm pregnant."

She said she would know for sure when she undergoes an ultrasound examination later this month. But in her mind, she is sure she is having a baby.

Natural way

Osang said she and her husband had been trying to have a baby for sometime now. But their plan was postponed when she got her sitcom. Osang surfed the Net for hospitals and doctors offering in vitro fertilization and found an Australian site, which offered the service at a very reasonable price and a 90-percent rate of success.

"But when we did it the natural way, I felt something change in my body," she said.

She also consulted local doctors for artificial insemination, but they offered only a 30-percent chance of pregnancy.

"My blood type is RH negative, so it's not easy for me to conceive," she said. "My uterus is retroverted, so I really have to look at science for help."

Osang has always turned to science for help. She had work done on breasts and had liposuction when she became a bold actress. Before she made her last film, "La Vida Rosa," three years ago, she also underwent butt augmentation.

"I wanted to have more curves," she said. "But no doctor can say I've had work done on my face. This is my own. When the wrinkles come, I will not do anything to erase them. I will not have Botox treatments and lose my expression. I want my husband to see it on my face when I'm mad."

Waiting for Vicky

Dr. Vicky Bello had given Osang her various makeovers, but the two women have stopped talking to each other. To this day, the actress claims she does not know what triggered the falling out.

"She called me one day to tell me to pick up my ticket for Europe," she said. "When I told her I couldn't come that night, and before I could tell her that Daboy (Rudy Fernandez) was giving a dinner for us, she grew hysterical. We were supposed to have travelled to Europe together."

She said that she has not yet talked to Bello, whom she still considers one of her closest friends.

"As far as I know, I did not do anything to upset her," she said. "I'm waiting for her to call me."

She's also waiting for the time when she can leave behind the movies and become a homemaker.

"That is what I really want to do, be a homemaker," she said. "I have been public property for more than 10 years now. It's about time I took care of my children. I have never opened their notebooks from school. I have not taught them their assignments. I want to raise my kids myself."

Secure future

She claims she does not miss the movies and is content with having two TV shows. Aside from her sitcom, she is a co-host of the gossip show "Star Talk" on GMA 7.

BIGGER now, Roces (with "Daboy en Da Girl" partner Fernandez and Greg Martin and Jordan Herrera of Power Four) says TV pays better than movies. RUDY ESPERAS

"TV pays me very well," she said. "With my two TV shows, I make more money than when I make movies."

She said the future of her two children, and even of the baby that has yet to arrive, is already secure with trust funds. She owns an auto-detailing shop on Katipunan Avenue in Quezon City. Guided by her husband, who was an executive of the Asian Development Bank, Osang had also ventured into currency trading.

"There were so many actresses who also stripped on screen, but it's sad to find out that they have not saved for their future," she said. "I prepared for a future where I would no longer be a star. I can face that anytime."

Which is why Osang is not bothered when people call her a has-been. Shrugging her shoulders and laughing, Osang said: "That's okay. I just want to be a homemaker."

Mikee's turn

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

THE FIRST season of "All About You" on Channel 7 was hosted by **Lucy Torres**. The second season, which is about to end, features **Dawn Zulueta**. The next season will be hosted by **Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski**.

This idea of a change of hosts per season is a novel one for these parts, and it's an interesting innovation, with both plus and minus aspects to it.

On the plus side, the periodic change of hosts keeps the magazine show fresh. The hosts don't get to treat the show like just a job, because they have only 13 telecasts to make a good impression on the program. So, each telecast feels special and really worked on.

The minus factors include the show's not establishing a firm personality that viewers can empathize with in the long term. Just as they're feeling comfortable with the current host, they have to get familiar all over again with the personality and temperament of her successor.

It must also be a strain on the show's staffers, who have to adjust to a new host's ways and and moods every three months or so.

Still, the concept is an interesting one. It also enables the program to get classy, well-heeled hosts who don't want to be on TV on a permanent basis. Asked to do it for just 13 weeks, they would find it easier to say yes.

Thus far, "All For You" has made the right choices in its "seasonal" hosts. Lucy Torres may not have been much of a talker, but she came across as a lovely person, both in terms of physical beauty and innate goodness.

Dawn Zulueta is an experienced TV host, so she did better in keeping the program interesting and eventful.

As for Mikee, we expect her to be a mix of Lucy and Dawn, because she's both a lovely person and a natural talker who's sincerely interested in people.

Let's hope viewers give her a warm welcome when she takes over the show's hosting chores from Dawn.

What will Dawn do after her stint on "All For You" is over? We hope that she'll consider hosting a late-night talk show, something that she can be really good at. She could tape it, so she doesn't have to fly to Manila from Davao every week.

COJUANGCO a lovely person, a natural talker

Sixth series

THE SIXTH series of "3rd Rock from the Sun" premieres at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17 on Star World. It's the series finale in which the aliens are finally ordered home.

On their expedition to planet Earth, the aliens take on human identities. The High Commander (**John Lithgow**) becomes a university professor, his military expert becomes his sister, while the old intelligence expert becomes his son!

They get a cultural shock of major proportions as they encounter our planet's bizarre ways. Stronger still are the earthlings' physical forms, which constantly amaze the aliens with surprises like puberty and passion. As a result, the High Commander becomes hopelessly infatuated with his earthling coworker (**Jane Curtin**).

The final season of "3rd Rock from the Sun" will see a female character make the ultimate decision when they are summoned to return home. Will she travel to the great beyond with him, or stay here on Earth?

Special guests include **Richard Belzer**, **John Cleese**, **Megan Mullaly** and **Elvis Costello**.

Third quarterly finals

"DIGITAL LG Quiz" (Sundays, 9 a.m., Channel 7) is holding its third quarterly finals today. The contenders are **Sithi Mendoza** of Makati Science High School, **Lorenz Angeles** of Cavite National Science High School, **Ralph Villalobos** of Philippine Science High School Iloilo and **Rouelli Sabino** of St. Mary's College of Baliuag. **Paolo Bediones** and **Regine Tolentino** are the quizmasters.

Through the years, "Digital LG Quiz" has motivated high school students all over the country to excel at their studies. The show, directed by **Pat Perez**, appeals strongly to young viewers with its topical questions, high-tech visualizations and other innovative touches.

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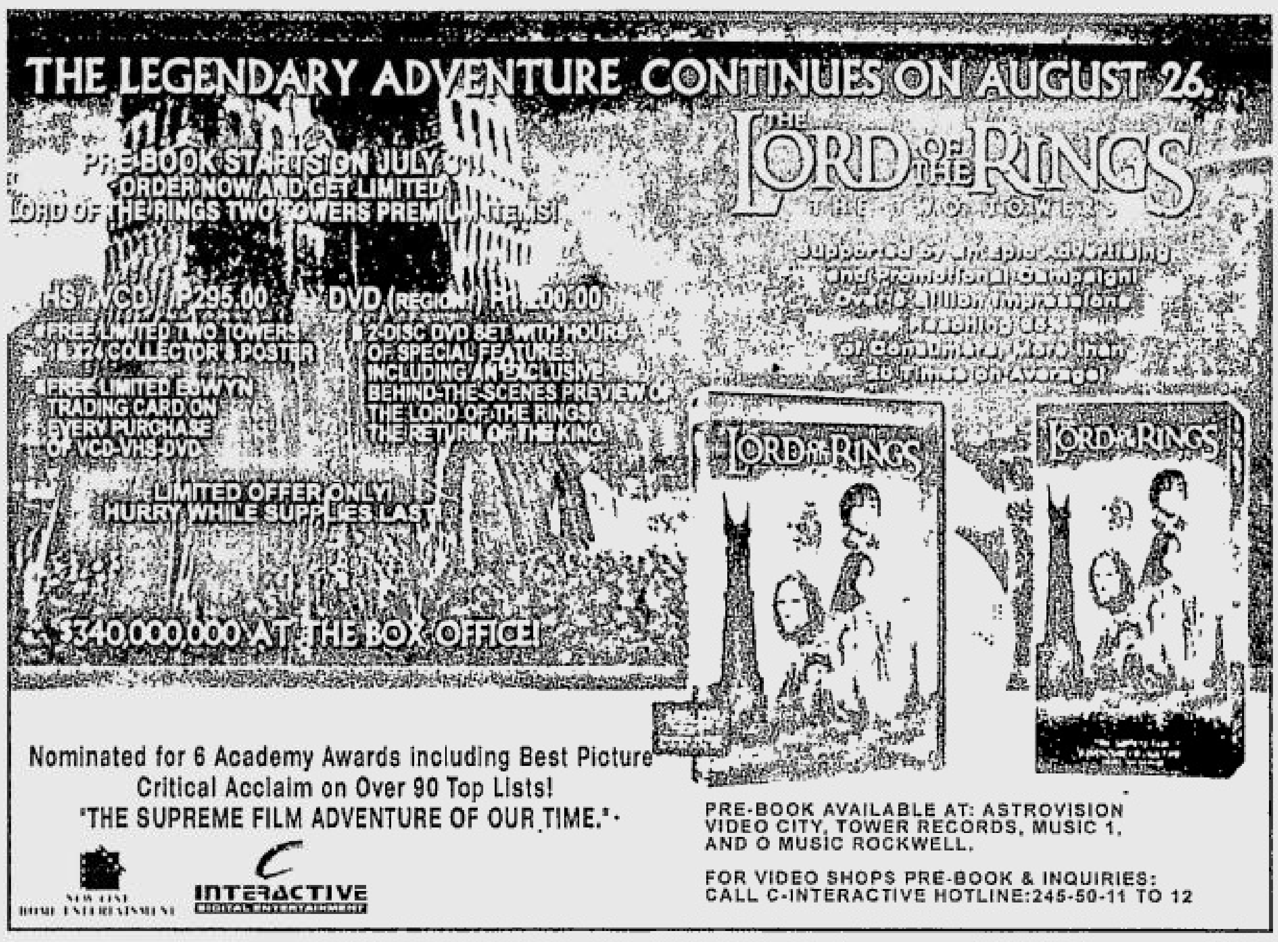

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Hot discussions over hot coffee

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

IT'S a very culturally enriching time now, when other people's works are easily available or accessible.

Everyone has varying ideas on what constitutes good art. When one puts something out for public scrutiny, it can get the harshest of beatings, ripped to shreds by people brandishing their objective—and not so objective—opinions. But it can also inspire an overwhelming consensus of kudos, which is rare.

Discussing the merits and failings of certain pop culture products and the people involved in them can be tricky. I'm a staunch believer of "agreeing to disagree" in matters like these. Talking about what makes a piece of artistry work or not is a very hot topic that can bring everyone's inner know-it-all to the fore. The hardest ones to listen to are those who pretend to have seen everything that ever unreeled in the planet.

A virtual who's who and who's that sit down to discuss movies they have just seen

Who's who, who's that

Opinions are everywhere, and there are many forums where people from different walks of life can talk and learn about cinematic art (or the lack of it). Their love for movies is perhaps their only common denominator.

One of these forums is the Greenbelt ArtFilm Coffee Club, a discussion group that assembles almost monthly to share their views on the featured movie of the night. A virtual who's who and "who's that?" of the arts, media, and a cross-section of film buffs sit down after the viewing and chat over free cups of coffee and assorted pastries, in the hall between the lobby and theater areas of Greenbelt I's Cinema 2.

Ayala cinemas marketing manager Lelet Volfango enthuses: "Coffee Club was borne out of my observation that people, especially ArtFilm moviegoers, love to deconstruct or discuss the films they have just watched, whether they agree with their premise or not, over coffee or dinner."

The idea seemed too much like school to me at first; at least the idea of discussing one's thoughts with a bunch of strangers was.

But like the student I was many years ago, I may not be an active participant in discussions by nature but I observe and learn as much as I can from this mostly enlightened assemblage of viewers.

Very intellectual

The discussion I first attended was for "Bollywood, Hollywood." It was a less animated discussion than usual, I was told, but still conducive to a healthy exchange of ideas. CCP Film Department head Ed Cabagnot and author/scriptwriter Raffy Ma.Guerrero have been the regular moderators. Both are knowledgeable in cinema and are very capable in keeping things moving along smoothly.

The tandem tosses around factoids and personal views that attendees react to nicely, and segues into other comments when the exchange gets sluggish.

"They contribute greatly to the discussions," Volfango says of Cabagnot and Guerrero. "They make it light, free-flowing, and very intellectual."

The guests share informative perspectives on the topic at hand. Filmmaker Behn Cervantes, for instance, talked about the Filipino cinema-Bollywood connection, while cleverly inserting anti-war witticisms in his remarks (this was March 18, days before the impending war in Iraq). In the April discussion, Inquirer columnist Rina Jimenez-David appreciated Shakespeare's wry sense of humor in Julie Taymor's handling of the bard's tragedy "Titus," specifically a scene involving the villainous Aaron (Harry J. Lennix).

Sensitive topic

Another guest described the 1930s influence in the movie's production design and music.

Actress Lara Fabregas, paranormal expert Jaime Licauco, director Quark Henares and Brash Young Cinema head Joey Fernandez were among the previous participants. There are also students and professors who have interesting things to say about the film of the night. Many of the attendees silently appreciate the stimulating flow of democratic deconstruction.

The feature two months ago was the racy "Auto Focus," starring Greg Kinnear and Willem Dafoe, which dealt with the double life of '60s sitcom actor Bob Crane. The topic of sex addiction was indeed a sensitive one. But whatever the trepidation some attendees felt about the subject of sleaze and pornography, the talk proceeded with utmost liveliness and an insightful look into how the film relates to Filipino sensibilities regarding morality.

"Thankfully, all the discussions have been interesting," says Volfango. "I would really like to hear what regular moviegoers think about the films they see, as opposed to the personalities who are part of the artist community, during the discussion."

Getting better

Greenbelt Art Film's Mark Dy adds: "We want to continuously provide films that interest ArtFilm and Coffee Club patrons, and to provide alternatives and more choices to the Filipino moviegoer."

The selection has been getting better, too, such as Paul Thomas Anderson's "Punch Drunk Love" and Lars Von Trier's "Dancer in the Dark," which were featured last June and July, respectively.

Cineastes will always have colorful, even clashing thoughts about everything, as sure as the existence of some art house patrons with a penchant for laughing boisterously at non-punchlines (the Coffee Club screening of "The Importance of Being Earnest" is proof of this).

Films are creations that are undeniably open to interpretation, lambasting, or glorification. In this day and age, everyone's a critic. Yes, nothing is sacred anymore, and the sprightly Coffee Club wouldn't have it any other way.

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Katya: I enjoy being sexy

By Jocelyn Valle
Contributor

"I HAVEN'T slept," says Katya Santos in between yawns. But the Viva hot babe is not complaining. In fact, she feels blessed because, despite the slump in the movie industry, she's been working on two new movies, "Utang ng Ama" and "Keka."

And through her show biz earnings, the sexy star has been able to put up an events-organizing company with some partners last year. So far, the firm has produced a fashion show and several concerts, including one headlined by acoustic artist Paolo Santos.

Katya the entrepreneur shares that working away from the limelight gives her fulfillment that is different from when she's on stage performing with the other Viva Hot Babes. It is apparently so addictive that she is already planning to get into other businesses in the future.

First on her list is a food stand she'll call Keka Grill, after her character's name in the latest Viva Films movie. "It has recall," she explains. "In fact, people are now calling me Keka."

In Katya's third movie for the year (after her launch as a sexy star in "Sukdulan," and "Sex Drive," her tandem with another hot babe, Maui Taylor), she plays a child-woman named Francesca, or Keka, who avenges the death of her boyfriend. One by one, she kills the members of a fraternity responsible for the crime.

Contrary to its seemingly violent and gory premise, "Keka," explains Katya, is actually wholesome compared to "Sukdulan" and "Sex Drive." It has comedy and suspense, says its main star, who gets ample support from her costars Wendell Ramos, Vhong Navarro and Ryan Eigenmann, and director Quark Henares.

The producers of "Keka" also aim to get a PG-13 rating from the MTRCB. "So I don't have very sexy scenes here," she points out.

It doesn't mean, though, that Katya will go back to her early years in show biz as one of the perky girls on "Ang TV" and the contravida on "Anna Karenina."

"After this, I'll still do sexy movies," she stresses. "I enjoy going sexy on screen."

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RAGE Band singer and keyboardist **Juan Miguel Salvador** was seen having dinner with his pretty girlfriend last Tuesday night at Kaya Korean restaurant at Rockwell's Power Plant Mall in Makati. Rage performs every Thursday night at Dish, at the third level of the mall. At Via Mare in the same mall that same night were radio/TV broadcaster **Rey Langit** and his son **Reyster**, the team behind RPN's news magazine show, "Kasangga Mo ang Langit."

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Jacqui Magno, golden girl

MAGNO swings at 50

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

IF JAZZ singer Jacqui Magno's mother had her way, Jacqui would have been an ordinary telephone operator.

Fortunately for music lovers who have enjoyed her music for the past 30 years, Jacqui has always wanted to do things her way. So she passed up on the telephone operator job and took up the offer of her contemporary Basil Valdez to join a band and perform in front of a crowd of Ateneo and Maryknoll students in 1971.

That first public appearance kick-started a long career in the Philippine music industry that has seen Jacqui through many ups and downs, both in her career in family life.

SHOW STOPPER

This year, as she celebrates her 50th birthday, she just wants to go out there and enjoy herself and her music. She had a special birthday concert last night at the Merk's Bar and Bistro, which she described as a celebration of life and the joys of singing. She even dyed her hair gold for the occasion.

With her in the concert, called "Jacqui Magno... Gorgeous Golden," were Elmir Sayson on keyboard, Gerry de Leon on bass, Mar Dizon on drums, Uly Avante on percussion and Jonjon Castañeda on lead guitar.

Jacqui, the youngest of four children, learned to appreciate music at home. Her mother played the piano and her father, who was in the military, was a good singer. The Magno house was filled with the sound of popular music from the '50s and '60s, including Broadway classics.

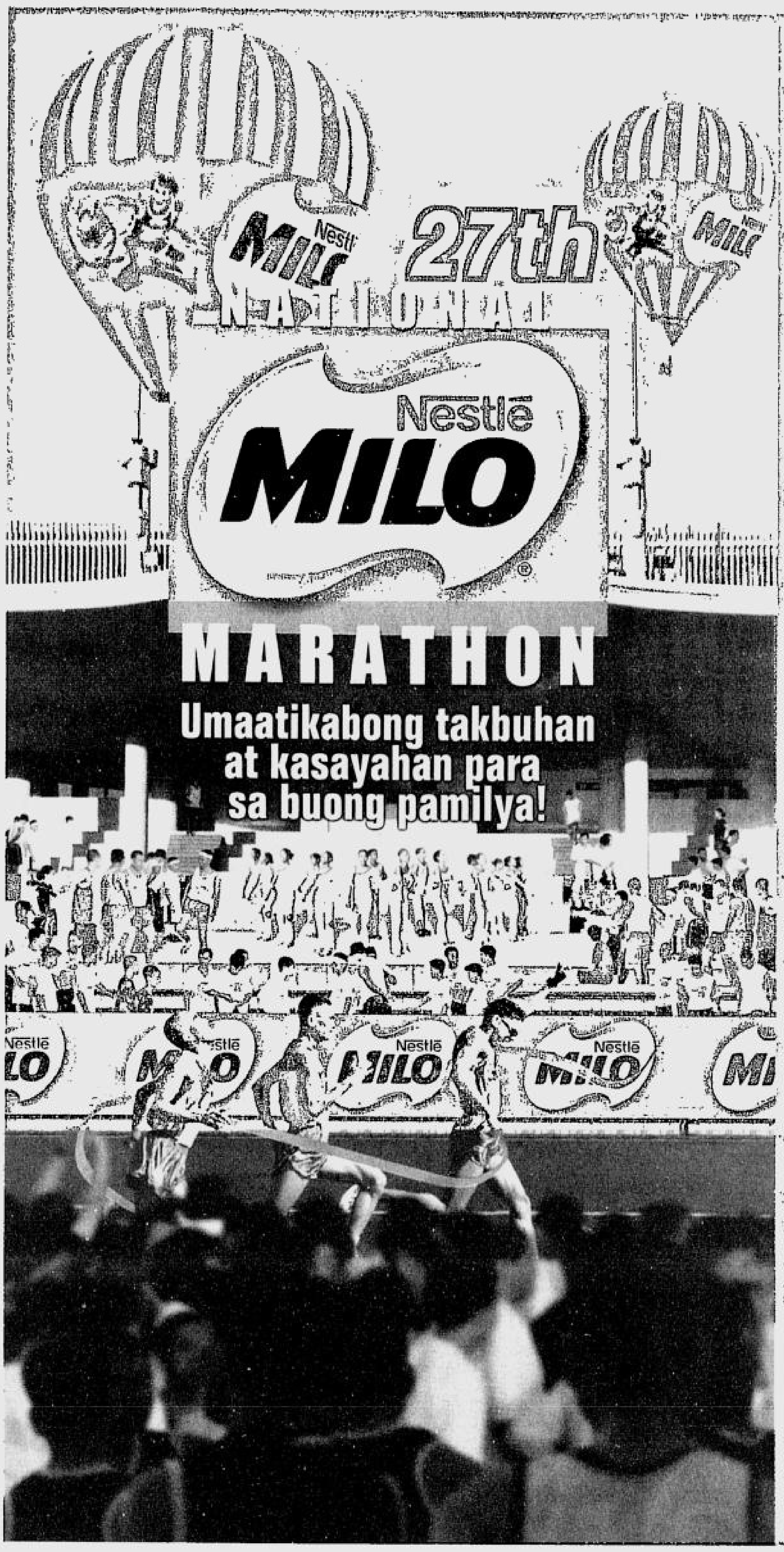
Jacqui, however, said it never occurred to her to make a career out of singing because it was more of a hobby. Her mom initially wanted Jacqui to take up classical music, but the girl rebelled against the rigid discipline that the classics required.

"So I started to learn jazz right away," Jacqui recalled. "It appealed to me because it was challenging. With jazz, you are free to recreate a song within a song. That appealed to me, too."

When she performed before the Ateneo and Maryknoll crowd in 1971, she thought she could really support herself through singing. She needed the money because she had gotten pregnant at 18 and she preferred to fend for herself and her baby instead of running home to her parents for help.

Fortunately, she made a good enough impression during the Ateneo-Maryknoll concert. The very next day, she was invited to join a band called Genesis, whose other members included Basil Valdez, Rudy Lozano and the late Gerry Paraiso.

JACQUI/C6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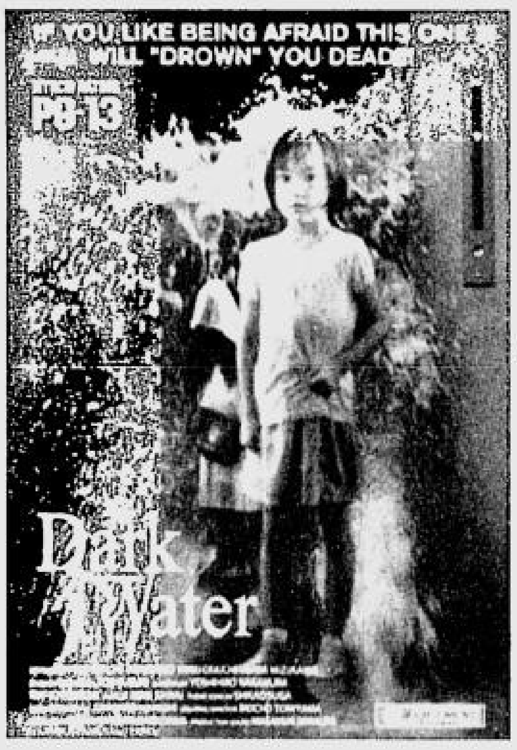
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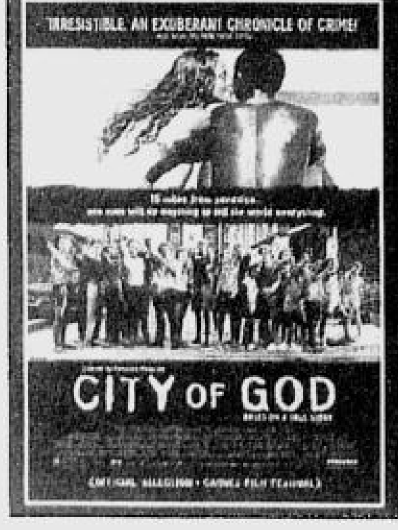
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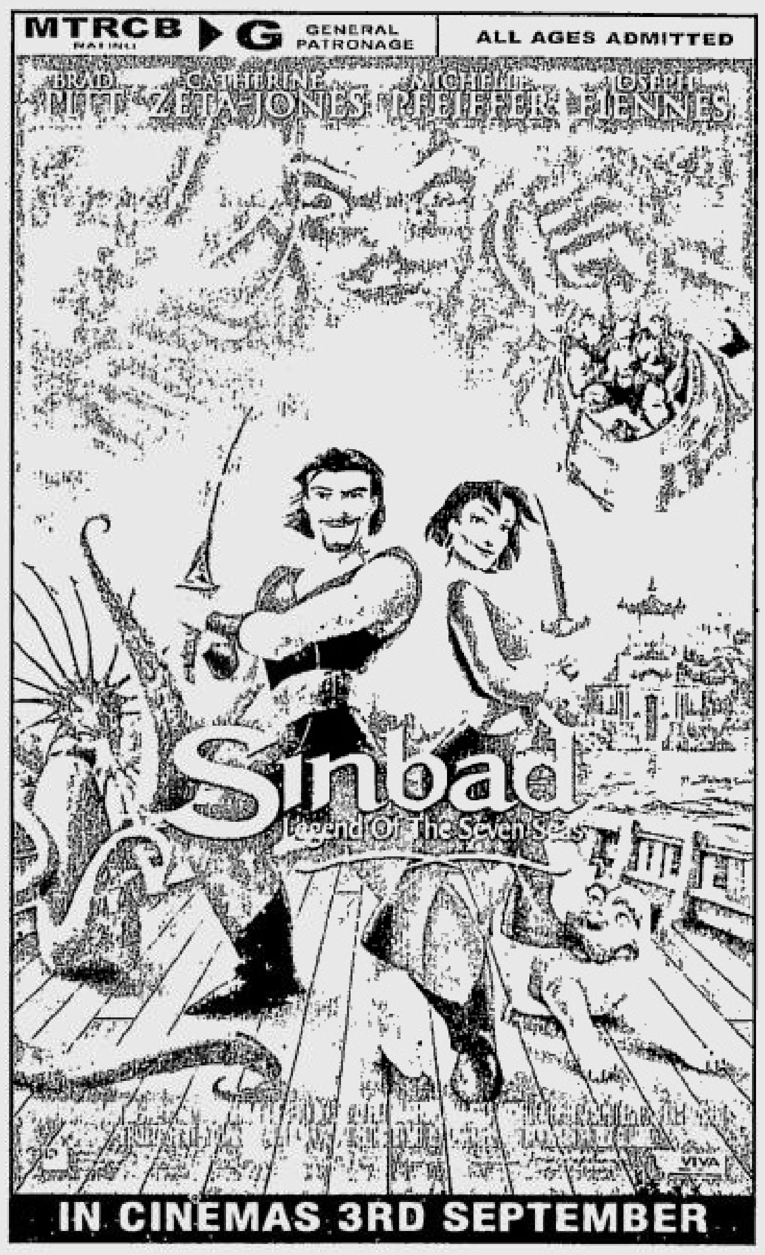
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ROSAL (left), with guest Dr. Singson

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SHOW TIME

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"Damayan" is also shown in Australia and the Middle East on NBN World.

On Monday, Aug. 18, from 2 to 3 p.m., one of the guests on "Damayan" is Dr. Rebecca B. Singson, a fellow of the Obstetrics and Gynecologic Society who holds clinics at the Makati Medical Center and at the Asian Hospital and Medical Center. She will talk about her advocacy to empower women by sharing with them information about cervical cancer and proper nutrition.

Cornell University graduate Mayor Marides Fernandez of Marikina will present her vision and program for the city.

"Damayan" is sponsored by the Philippine National Red Cross. Executive producer is Benjie Poblete.

Jacqui Magno...

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The next year marked the birth of the Circus Band, which became one of the biggest exponents of Filipino music in the '70s. The all-star group included Basil, Pabs Dadivas, Hajji Alejandro, Beth Katindig, Gem Jacinto, Tillie Moreno, Pat Castillo, Anne Marie Santos, Richard Tann and Cory Tan as vocalists, backed by Boy Katindig on keyboard, Gerry Paraiso on keyboard 2, Rudy Lozano on lead guitar, Paco Gamboa on bass and Walter Kalinawan on drums.

Jacqui left the band in 1975 and pursued other interests such as yoga. She also participated in one of the first Filipino rock operas, performing alongside Tessie Alfonso Santos, who later became known as Sampaguita.

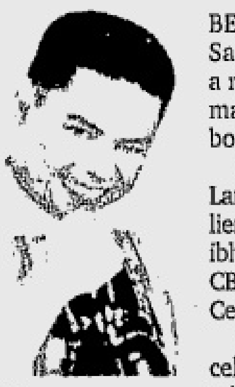
Jacqui also performed abroad, but in 1978 she was back in the local scene and became one of the mainstays of the Quezon City jazz bar Birds of the Same Feather, marking her start as a solo artist.

"It was there that I really learned how to play jazz, and it has been jazz and rhythm and blues ever since," she said.

Asked if she has thought of retiring after turning 50, Magno said she would keep on singing.

"I guess I will stop only when God decides to take away my vocal chords," she said.

Comic Bearwin Meily joins 2 GMA 7 shows, is in 3 new movies



MEILY

SHOW TIME

BEARWIN Meily has officially joined Raymart Santiago, Jomari Illana and Joey Marquez as a regular in the sitcom "Kool Ka Lang, Oo Naman" starting Tuesday, Aug. 19, and "Click," both on GMA 7.

Bearwin was a guest in "Kool Ka Lang" only two weeks ago. He had earlier worked with Jomari and Joey in "Palibhasa Lalaki." He last appeared in ABS-CBN's "Bida si Mister, Bida si Misis" with Cesar Montano and Maricel Soriano.

"I am very grateful to Cesar and Maricel for letting me work with them," said Bearwin. "I am forever grateful to ABS-CBN, particularly to Mr. M (Director Johnny Manahan), who made my entry into show biz a reality."

"Kool Ka Lang, Oo Naman" also stars Benjie Paras, Gloria Diaz, LJ Moreno, Maui Taylor, Alessandra de Rossi, Maureen Larrazabal and others. It is directed by Al Tantay.

In "Click," Bearwin plays the brother of Jolo Revilla. Mac Alejandre directs. He is also in the movie "Asboobs (Asal Bobo)," directed by Danny Cabreira; "Crying Ladies" with Sharon Cuneta and Hilda Koronel, directed by his brother Mark Meily; and "Gagamboy," directed by Erik Matti.

A touching fish story

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price of admission.

But the film has much more to offer. The film has got characters, dialogue and a story that provide as much entertainment value as the innovative CGI animation. These are the elements that give the film so much heart, that make members of the audience like me ponder the inextricable mix of love, pain and laughter that comes with the ties that bind. The film's writer and director Andrew Stanton, who shares writing credits in all the previous Pixar films, obviously has a feeling for the family milieu he is dramatizing, and his affectionate perceptions make "Finding Nemo" thoroughly engaging and evocative.

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If you haven't been staying in the Spratlys for the last month or so, you've probably had a taste of Disney's marketing overkill of the film. You know by now that it's about a father's search for his lost son. The father here is Marlin (voiced by Albert Brooks), an orange clown fish living an idyllic life with his wife, Coral (Elizabeth Perkins) in their sea anemone home on the Great Barrier Reef. When the film opens, we find them as excited as any first-time parents could be, trying to agree on what to name their 400 glowing globules of eggs.

But soon tragedy strikes and Marlin is left with no one else but a single offspring, whom he calls Nemo (Alexander Gould), his wife's favored name. Nemo grows up with a father so overprotective he doesn't even want to leave him long enough to send him to school. Marlin is neurotic about Nemo's safety and for good reason. The boy fish has an underdeveloped fin but an overdeveloped curiosity that's bound to get him into trouble.

Thus, Marlin has him repeating the motto, the ocean is not safe. It's a lesson Marlin has learned in the most painful way.

Charming, funny

Marlin's worst fear becomes reality when Nemo gets snagged by a scuba diver and is taken to an aquarium somewhere in Sydney. He thus embarks on a fateful journey to find Nemo, with the help of a new friend, Dory (Ellen DeGeneres), a blue tang with an acute short-term memory problem.

They would meet a host of charming, funny and well-realized characters along the way, but I would rather not tell and thus spoil the surprise for those who have yet to see the film. Suffice it to say that there are top class actors who breathe life into these characters and into the film's intelligent and witty script. It's a good idea to stay on after the end credits start rolling to find out who they are.

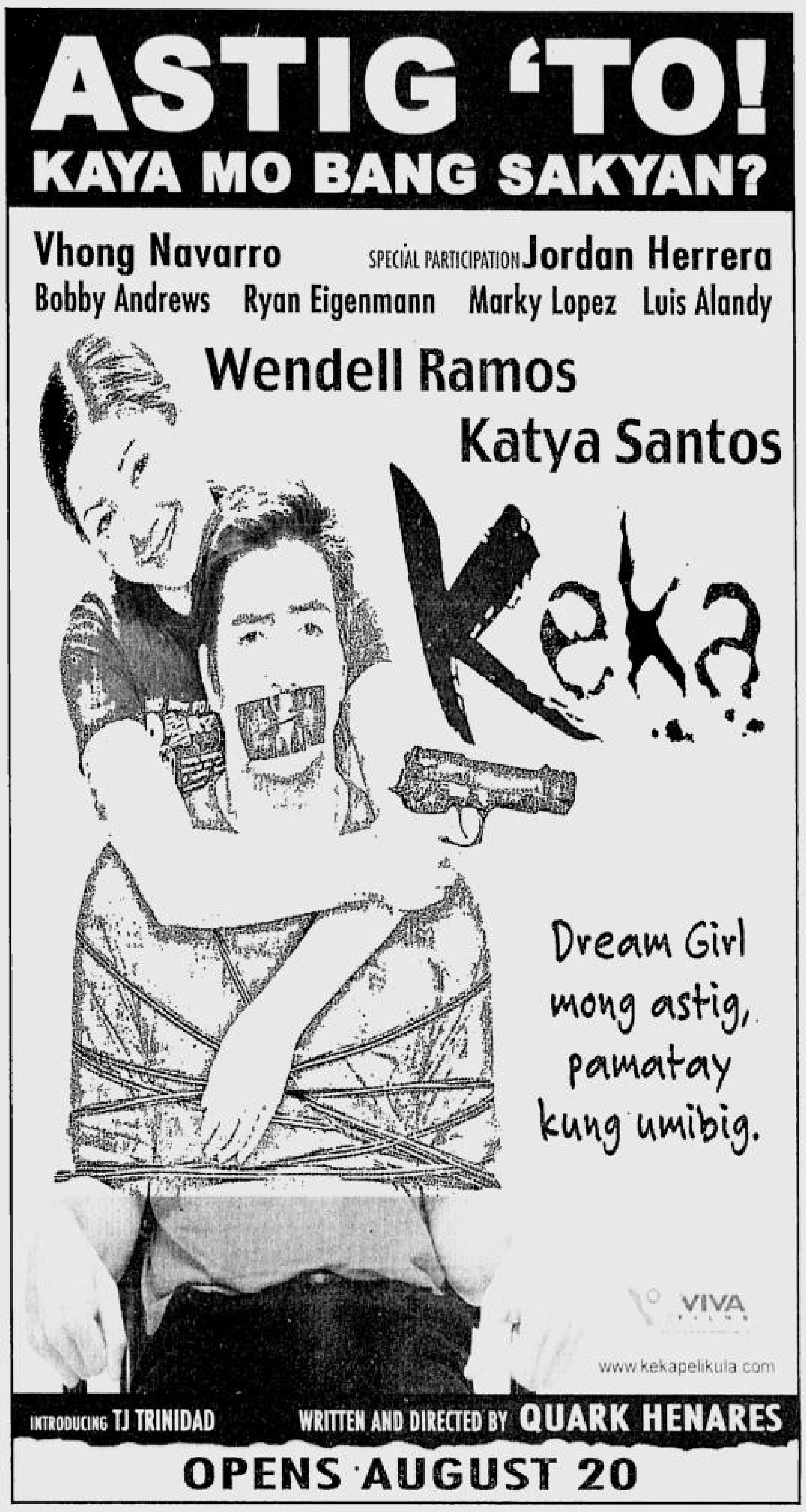
Brooks and DeGeneres, though, inarguably take the spotlight. Marlin and Dory are a classic movie pair: adorable, funny and truly memorable. They're right up there with the great real-life movie tandems. Their constant stream of hysteria-level patter is what drives the film, infusing it with large doses of humor and humanity. The CGI animators do a terrific job of incorporating Brooks and DeGeneres' personalities into Marlin and Dory's expressions and body language.

Unqualified triumph

But really, one expects nothing less from Pixar, that wonder house of imagination and technological wizardry. The people working there have shown that they know how to make your ultimate childhood fantasies come true. "Finding Nemo" is no different.

It's an unqualified triumph on both artistic and crowd-pleasing levels. It is so much fun that parents might end up bribing their kids to see it a second time or sneak out on their own to do so. I myself have seen it more than a couple of times, and I take delight in the fact that I discover something new in the film every time. And always, always, I would leave the cinema in a happy, smiley trance, humming the film's theme song in my head (it's Robbie Williams' version of Bobby Darin's "Beyond the Sea").

But if you've got the chance, see the film with any child you love. For families, "Finding Nemo" is manna from heaven. It's the kind of film children will recall watching with their parent/s long after they've grown up and moved on.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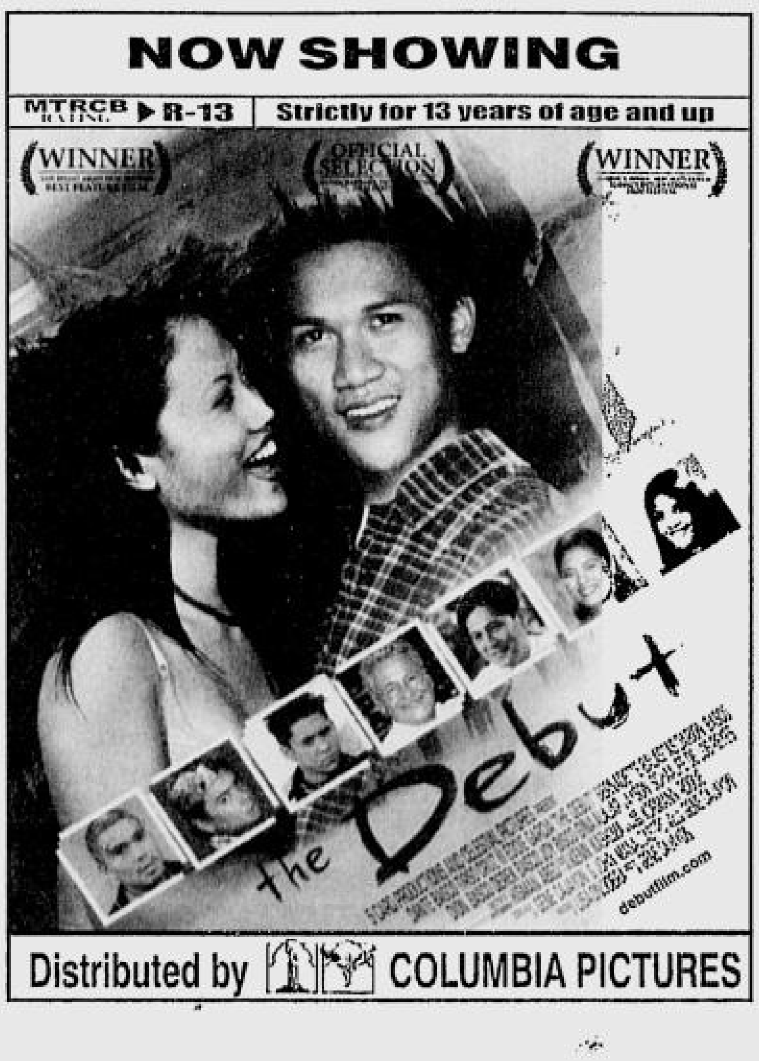
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A touching fish story

By Ruben M. Cruz Jr.
Contributor

REVIEW

I'M ALMOST embarrassed to say this, but I found myself dabbing my eyes with my shirtsleeve during certain moments in "Finding Nemo." Thankfully, no one in the screening I attended seemed to notice.

Whoever thought that a film with fish as its characters could be such hanky-fare?

But it is, at least, for me. While totally appropriate for children, "Finding Nemo" is probably going to emotionally affect parents more than the kids that they accompany to the cinema. Because no matter how old we are, and regardless of how our relationships with our children have evolved or are evolving, the fathers and mothers among us can look at this film and find some kind of sweetness in the memory of being doting parents: in making new discoveries every day about ourselves, about our children, and the ever-changing world we're living in; in the bittersweet realization that our children are always growing older and getting ready to break free.

Anyone who has seen a CGI feature film from Pixar ("Toy Story," "Toy Story 2," "A Bug's Life," "Monsters Inc.") naturally expects the visual aspect to be the centerpiece, and no doubt it is the case with its latest creation. Rich in unexpected detail, "Finding Nemo" provides a colorful and brilliantly rendered depiction of underwater life that, on its own, would be worth the

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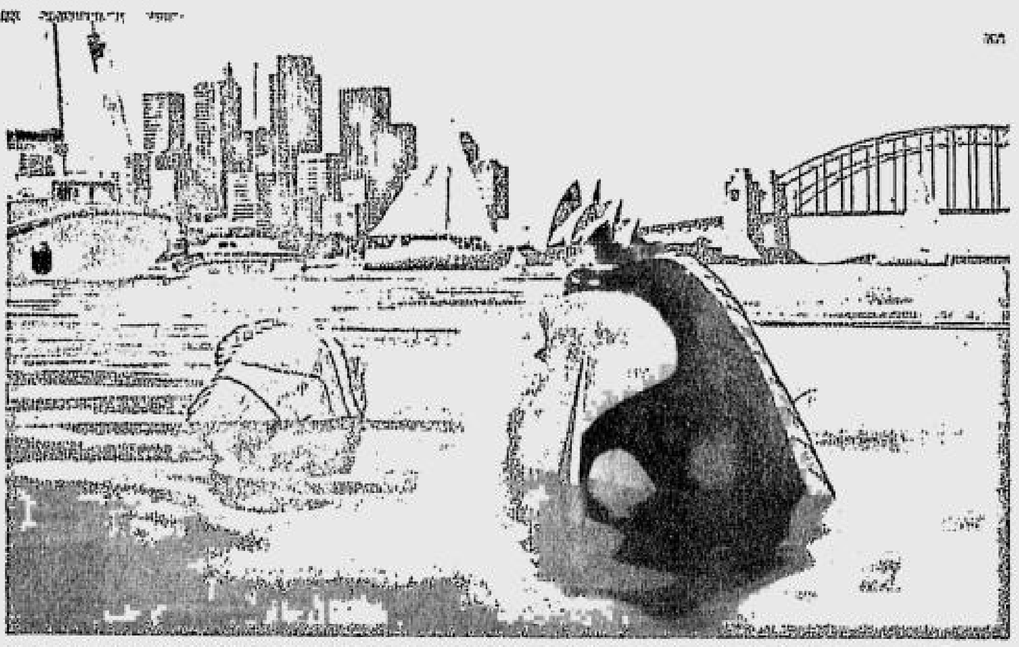

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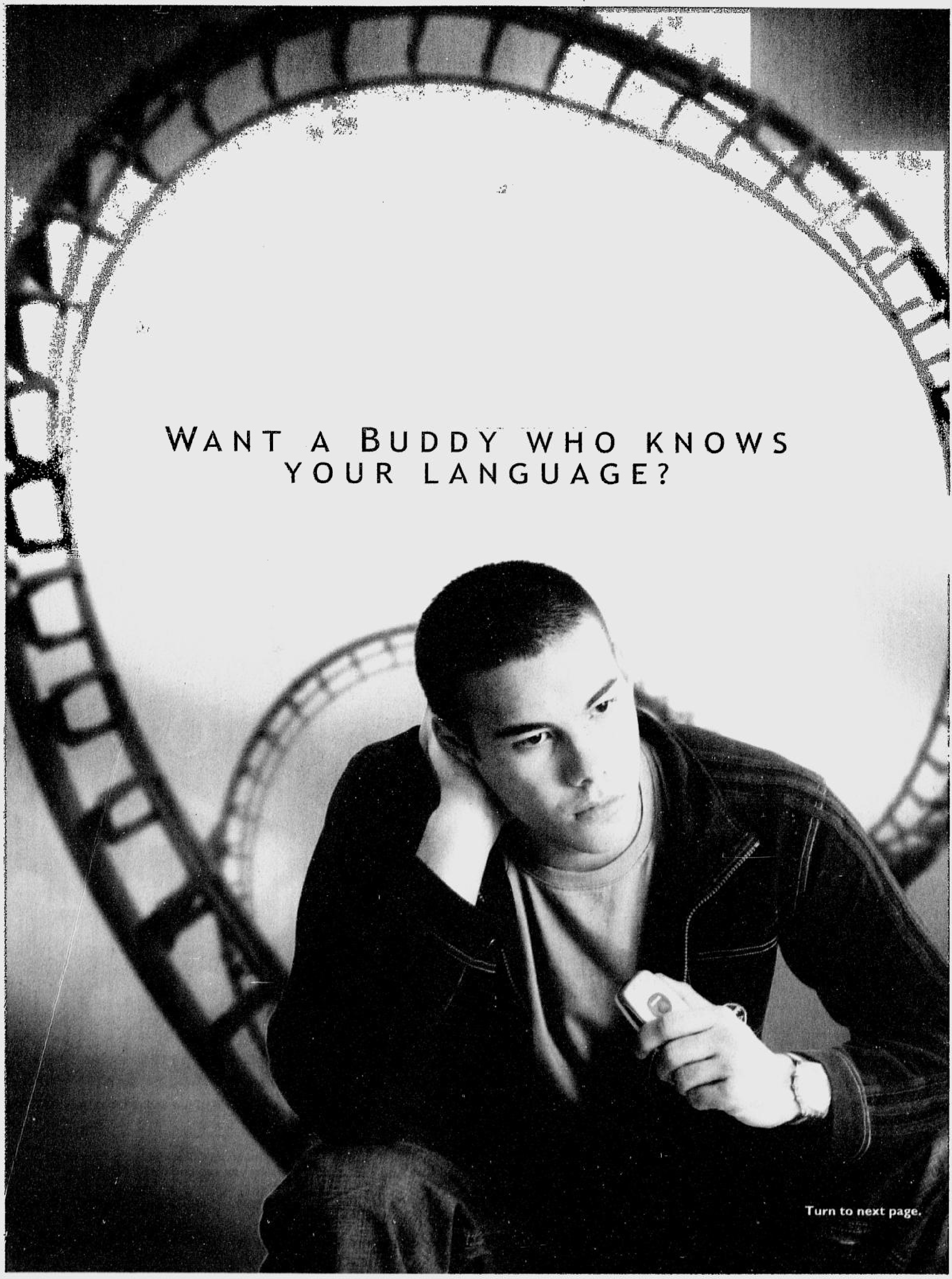
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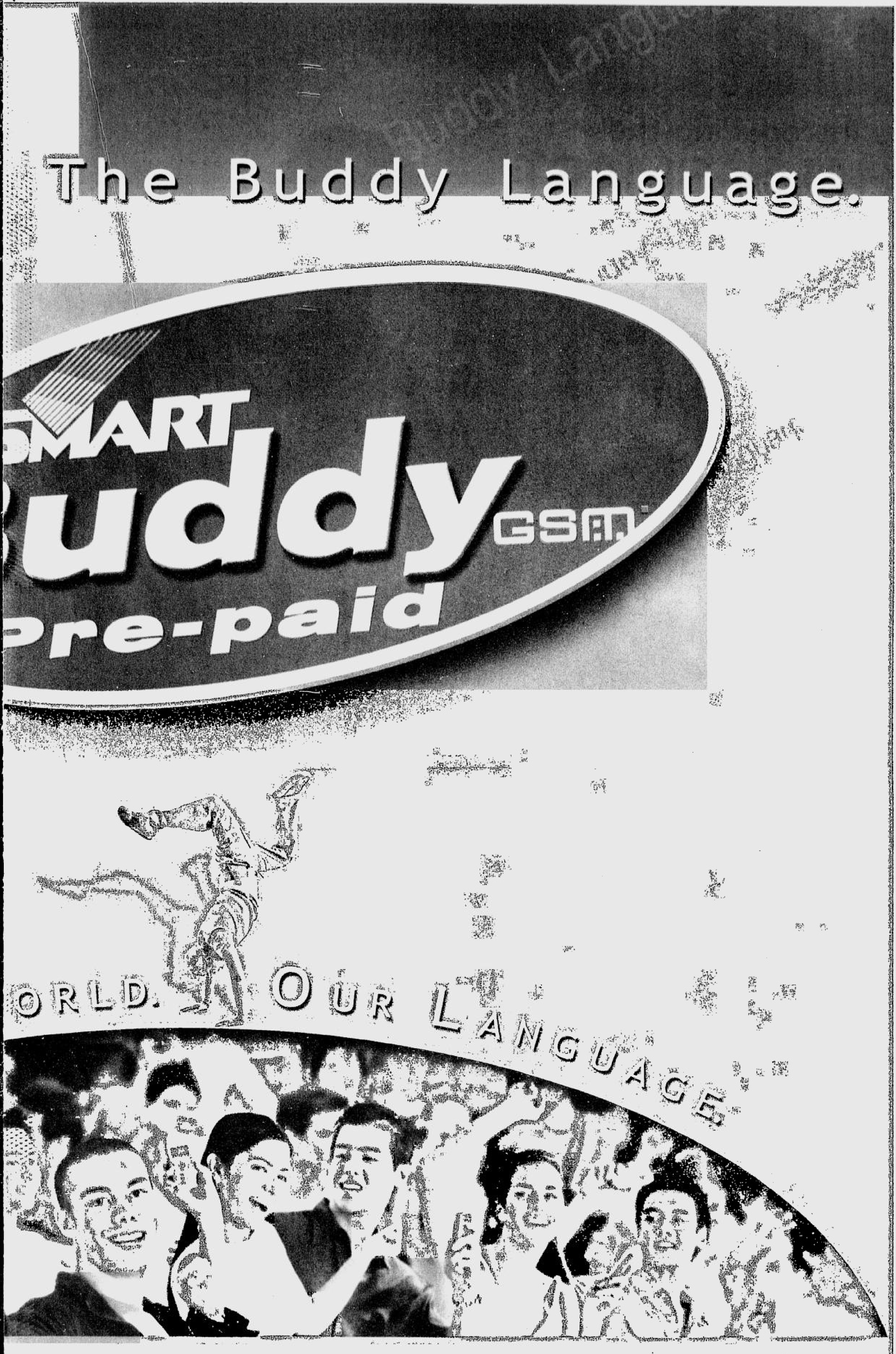
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Walking the Talk of the New Buddy Language

Martin Nievera singing is a sight we have well been accustomed to. But Martin moving in step to a Broadway Musical rhythm? "We wanted Martin to do something new in this commercial," says Roger Pe, the DDB Executive Creative Director responsible for the latest upbeat and kinescopic SMART Buddy TVC, "We also wanted to inject a grand Broadway musical vista to the project."

And so Martin nods his head to the beat, revealing a more kinetic side of himself, surrounded by scores of young people "tumbling and dancing in step. Martin and the cast take us through the broad sweep of the fresh smart world, communicated in the new SMART Buddy language. "We used a lot of unmistakable Broadway elements for the project," continues Pe, "there's a little bit of 'Chicago', 'West Side Story', and 'Moulin Rouge' in it."

And indeed this TV commercial has scope and width, taking us from gentle tree-shaded park streets, to powdered beaches, and back to a more urban Manila. The larger implication is the fact that SMART Buddy links the most divergent locales all throughout the country, thanks to SMART's widest coverage.

"The most difficult component of this project was all the pre-planning involved," explains director Mike Alcazaren. Nevertheless, shooting went relatively smooth under the attentive management of Alcazaren and crew. "We gave this project a specific identity, full of big and grand numbers. All in all, it looks 'real' and yet 'stagey'."

And only a project of such scale and breadth can describe the whole concept of a new SMART Buddy language, chock full of features and offerings on the revolutionary service marketing medium unchallenged even by the PC or the Internet—the cellphone right in your pocket. In a country like the Philippines where only about 6 percent of the population have on-line access, SMART's VAS has the responsive edge. And the new SMART Buddy, through the unmatched SMART Buddy 64K Super SIM 2 gives you instant access to these amazing services.

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Meanwhile, in front of a studio blue screen, Martin triumphantly raises his arms after executing a dance move in synch with two guide choreographers. "I feel very thankful to endorse a market leader like the new SMART Buddy," he says in his characteristically candid and easy manner. "Just as I am embarking on an even bigger stage in my career, leaving for shows in the U.S., I can really identify myself with the new SMART Buddy as it also assumes a larger role as a stronger market leader." You can't help but like the guy. If it's the new SMART Buddy Language he's speaking (or singing) then it's well worth the time to listen.

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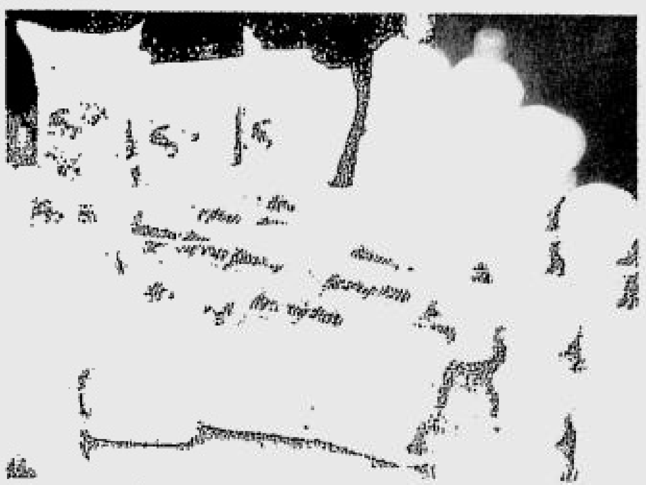

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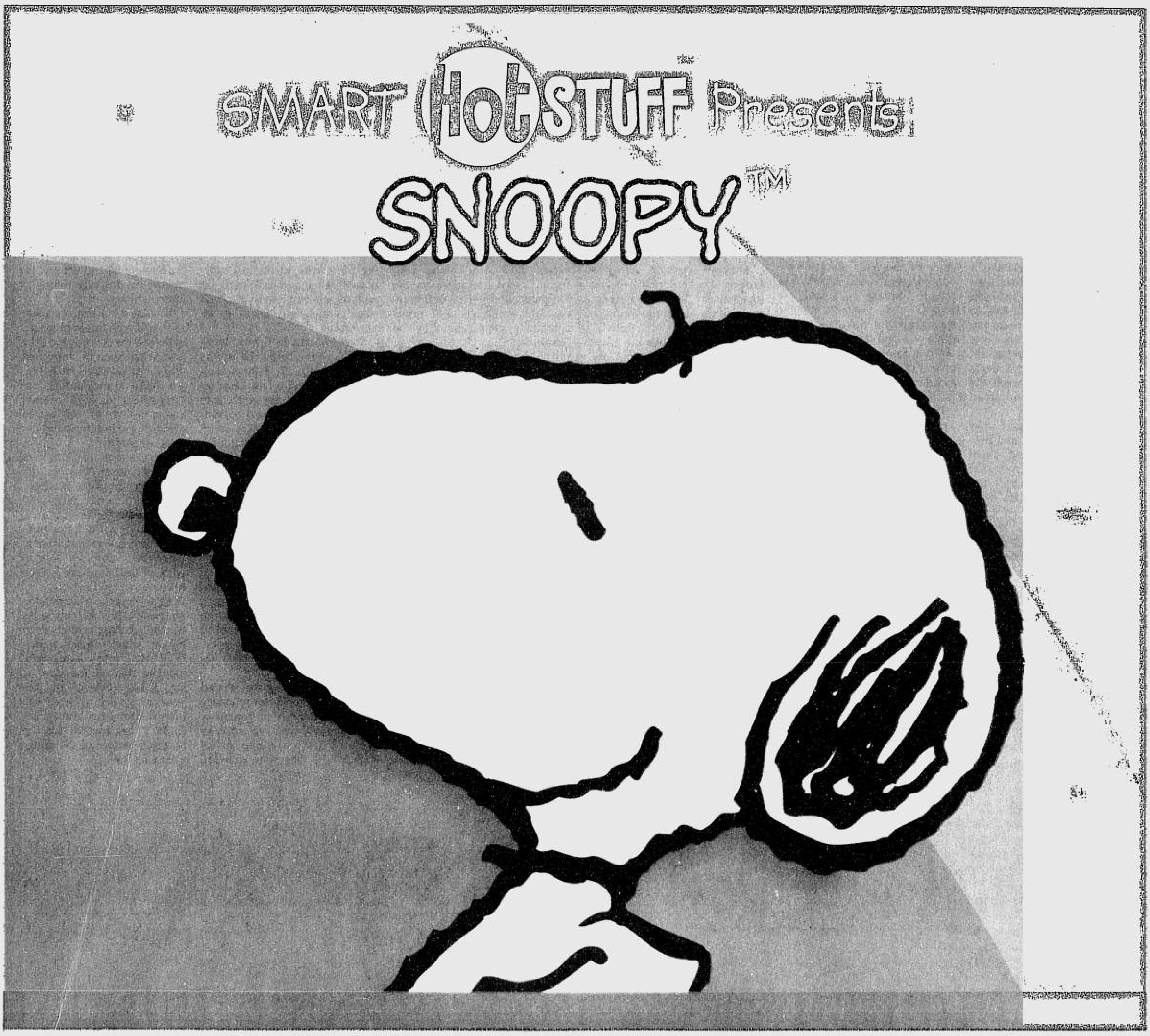
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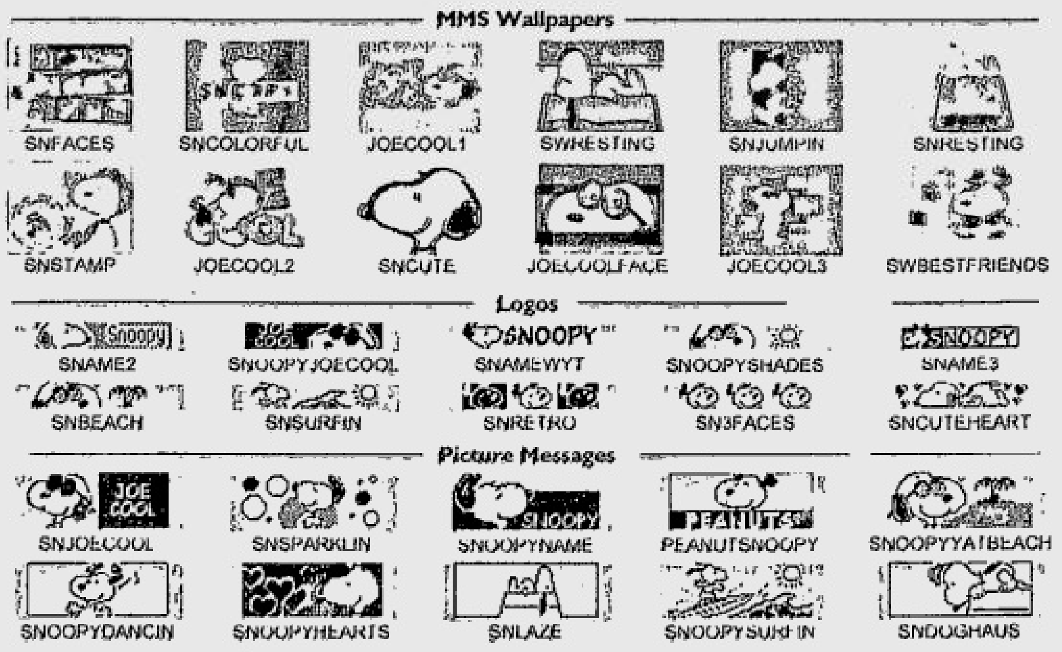
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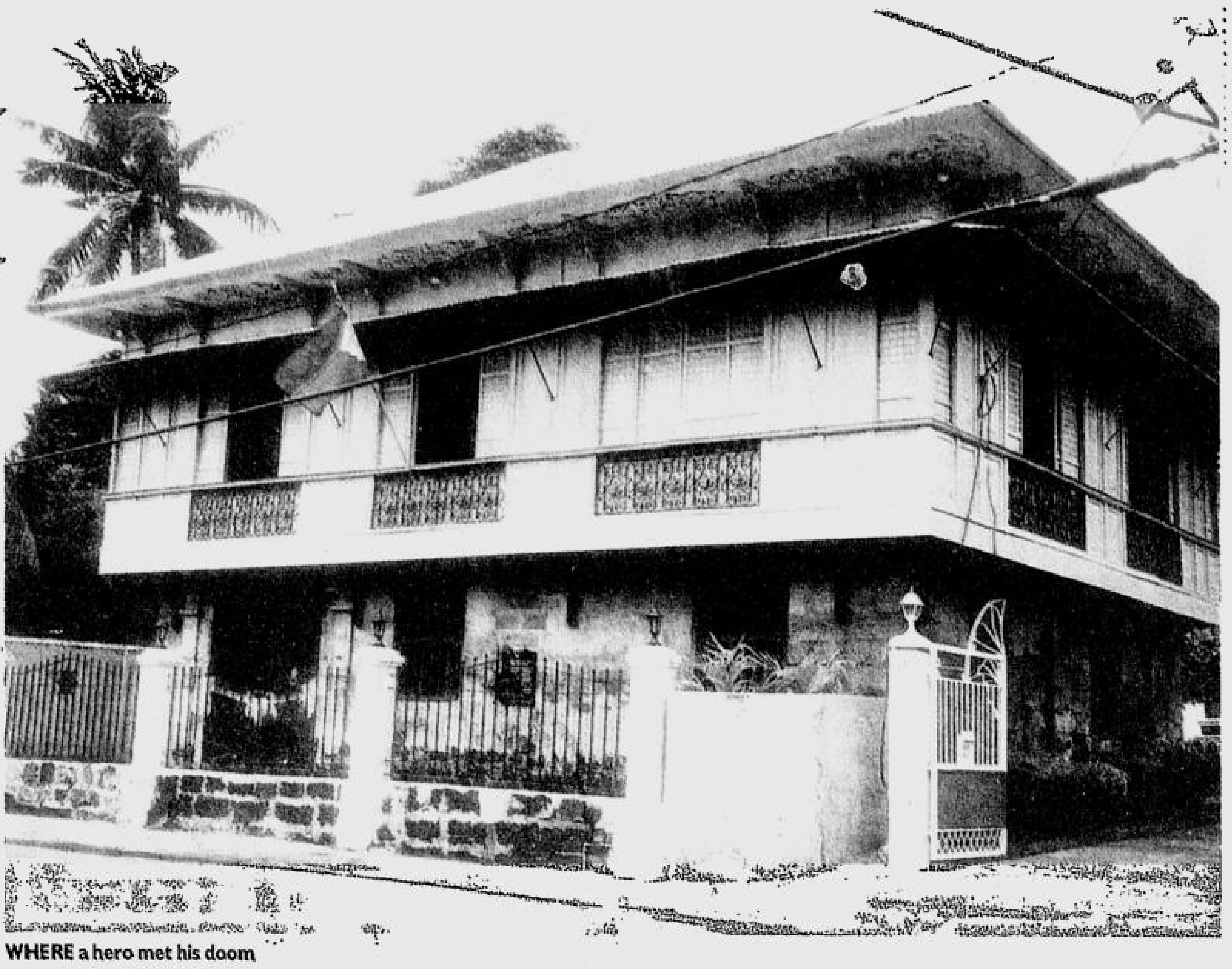
Marked by history



WHERE a hero met his doom

By Amadís Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

GRIM history was played out more than a hundred years ago in this once decaying ancestral home.

"When I first entered the house and ascended the grand stairway, I felt vibrations," recalls history buff and cultural organizer Danny Dolor. "I believe these were from Oriang (Gregoria de Jesus), who cried and suffered here."

The reference is to the wife of national hero Andres Bonifacio and the venue is the house in Maragondon, Cavite, where Andres and his brother Procopio were tried for treason and sedition, swiftly found guilty, and sentenced to death.

Maragondon lies 56 kilometers southwest of Manila, a short 90-minute drive over smooth roads (take the South Expressway Carmona Exit to avoid the traffic). En route you will observe a rapidly changing Cavite, which nevertheless still has vast tracts of land, fields and orchards in between the subdivisions, malls and urban centers.

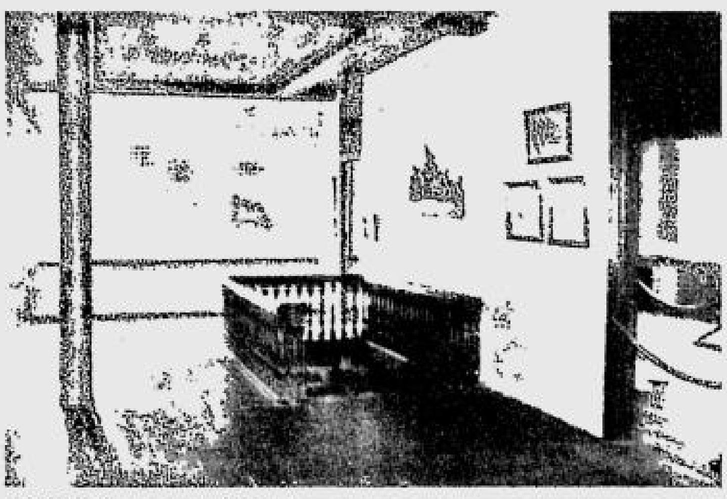
The town is quiet and pleasant, with trees and narrow, well-paved and clean streets. It has a centuries-old church that boasts a strikingly ornate wooden portal with a floral motif.

The house was built in 1889 by Teodorico Reyes in the grand 19th-century style. It belonged to his heirs until the early 1990s, when the house and lot were bought by Jose Ma. Angeles, a Maragondon musician and band conductor.

Obviously a man with a sense of history, Angeles did not have the house torn down. Instead he built a modern residence for his family and himself beside the house, and this is where they live today.

In the late 1990s, Dolor, then chair of the Malacañang Presidential Library and Museum, a private foundation, visited the historic site. Subsequently he spearheaded a drive to restore the house and give it the importance it deserves. This became a project of the foundation and the National Historical Institute (NHI).

The restored mansion, elegant again and now known as the Bonifacio Trial House Historical Landmark, was inaugurated in 1999. It is managed by the NHI under a 15-year contract with owner Angeles.



INSIDE the restored house

JERRY LUBANG/NHI

Museum curator Jefrey A. Lubang of the NHI draws this fine distinction: "It is a historical shrine if the site is the birthplace of a hero. But if it is the site of a significant event, like the trial of Bonifacio, it is a historical landmark."

He adds: "Our concept of a museum is basically exploratory. We are open to suggestions, and we invite scholars to lecture here, as there is so much to learn from the life of our heroes."

The museum does not charge admission fees. An estimated 10,000 people, mostly students and history buffs, have visited the landmark every year since it opened. And every May 10, the museum commemorates the anniversary of Bonifacio's death.

The former *bahay na bato* (grand house of stone) is imposing from without and within. The façade has awnings, *capiz*-shell windows, grillwork, and curvilinear designs. In keeping with traditional architecture, the first floor is of stone and the second of wood. There are 1948 Philippine Historical Committee plaques, in English and Filipino, detailing the significance of the house.

Inside, a bust of the Supremo greets the visitor, along with flags, framed narratives on the Katipunan and the life of Bonifacio, photo exhibits and prints containing memorabilia of the Revolution.

The slightly curving grand stairway, much fancied by antique collectors, leads to the second floor, airy with its open windows outlined by trees. There is a mini-library, more framed prints, paintings from a student art competition held in 2000, and a Diorama Room, the centerpiece of the museum.

This is a permanent recreation of the trial through larger-than-life figures. Seated before a table by the open windows are the figures of Bonifacio and his wife Gregoria; standing before them, his hands tied, is Procopio. Placido Martinez, the lawyer of Andres, gestures. They are facing a long table where sits the tribunal of judges, the controversial generals Crisostomo Riel, Mariano Noriel, and Tomas Mascardo. They are flanked by prosecutor Jose Elistes and panelists Esteban Ynfante, Mariano Riego de Dios, and Sulpicio Antony.

In April 1897, while the resurgent Spanish forces were retaking the Cavite towns, a deadly power struggle was going on within the revolutionary ranks. A tragic drama was about to be played out.

With his Acta de Tejeros, Bonifacio had repudiated the results of the tumultuous Tejeros Convention, where he had been insulted. He now intended to form his own revolutionary government, with its own army. With this, he in effect sealed his doom.

Considering Bonifacio a threat to him, Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo ordered the arrest of the Supremo, who was then temporarily residing in Indang with his wife and his brothers Procopio and Ciriaco. Col. Agapito Bonzon and his men carried out Aguinaldo's orders.

In the ensuing firefight, Ciriaco was killed, Procopio was bound, and Andres was wounded in the left arm. Bonzon then "stabbed him in the larynx with a dagger" (Teodoro A. Agoncillo, "The Revolt of the Masses").

The brothers were transferred to the demoralized revolutionary capital of Naic where Bonifacio, in a hammock, was seen "covered in blood." The trial opened in Naic on April 29 but the town fell to the Spaniards, and the revolutionary capital was moved to Maragondon.

On May 4, the trial resumed, as the Filipino forces prepared to defend the town against the advancing Spanish army and many civilians fled to Batangas. With a grandstanding, unsympathetic defense counsel and a Council of War biased against him, Bonifacio did not stand a chance.

His testimony, and that of his wife and of Procopio, did not save the two brothers. They were found guilty and sentenced to death.

On May 10, 1897, the Bonifacio brothers were taken to nearby Mt. Buntis and executed: shot and, some say, hacked to death...

As we left the Maragondon museum, a popular saying attributed to Bonifacio churned in the mind: *Dapat nating katakutan ang kasaysayan sapagkat itinititik nito para sa mga lahing iluluwal ang nagawa at ginawa ng isang tao* (We should fear history because it has records for the next generations of the things a man has done).

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I would like to be the secretary of the Department of Education. Then I would give emphasis on values education. *'Di ba dati ang mga bata 'pag masalubong n'yo sa daan nagbibigay respeto, nagtatanong kung saan kayo pupunta? Ngayon, hindi na. Noon, naghihingi pa sila ng* fruits *sa bakuran mo. Ngayon, basta na lang sila aakyat sa puno mo. Wala silang pakialam.* If I were education secretary, I would revive the subject Good Manners and Right Conduct.—**Emmanuel Odulio, 37, businessman**

I would head the Department of Education. First thing I'll do is to build more schools.—**Chito de la Vega, editor**

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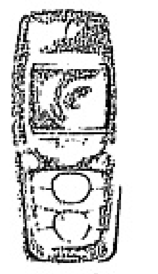

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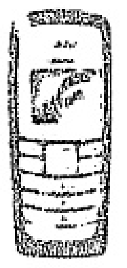

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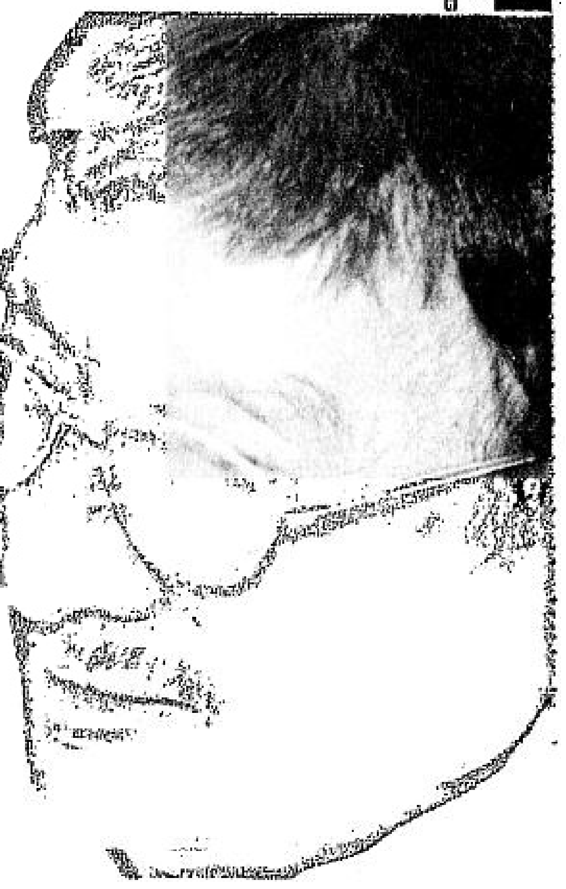

PLAYTIME

By the Staff

WHEN Filipinos think of comedy, they think of him.

Dolphy, the reigning clown royalty, shows no signs of letting up on the laughter even at 75. Unchallenged and unbowed, he continues to make people happy with his weekly TV appearances. His long-running, top-rating sitcom on ABS-CBN, "Home Along da Riles," is being reinvented into "Home Along da Airport, " thanks to Dolphy's fabled comic sense and timing.

Dolphy showed up for Playtime looking super put-together in an all-white Cerruti jogging outfit. It wasn't for show. He jogs with long-time partner Zsa Zsa and even goes on the treadmill when his schedule permits.

When Lifestyle holed up at the Makati Shangri-La's Cheval Blanc to Talk 'N Text Dolphy for this Playtime, we really didn't expect a funny man because comedians are legendary for being serious in real life.

Well, not Dolphy. He regaled us with his family stories, his early days in show biz, and his wacky observations.

He humorously recalled how his career picked up from his vaudeville days at the Ori-

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Clarinsmen: Transcending the male myth

MEN have always shied away from things that spell vanity. In the 'beauty department', as they've been led to believe, men take the backseat and resign themselves to a measly aftershave or cologne as an occasional indulgence.

Today, a new breed of young, virile and upwardly mobile men have shattered unfounded skin care myths among men.

Raised on good values and leading healthy lifestyle, these well-informed gents know the real value of good personal grooming as a prerequisite to a happy life.

With this in mind Clarins, the worldwide leader in women's skin care products, have created a new range of men's products.

Paolo Trillo, a familiar face that basketball fans will definitely recognize. A young, fresh face in PBA's latest batch of sportscasters, Paolo Trillo gets his own share of fans. The tall and eloquent looker takes after his dad: veteran sportscaster Joaqui Trillo. The 26-year old Ateneo graduate dipped his feet in the sportcasting field as early as his college years, when he volunteered for a hosting internship at Silverstar Sports. The stint paved the way for more hosting stints with such sports shows as Channel 13's Milo Sporting World (from 200-2002) and his current title as resident sportscaster at Vintage Television.

Trillo also dabbles in occasional modeling stints. He also keeps himself fit by indulging in regular gym workouts interspersed with running, basketball, and badminton sessions.

Counting himself as one of those few lucky guys who are less prone to facial problems, Paolo swears by the skin-saving value of exercise and a healthy diet.

"I swear, I've never gone to a dermatologist," he claims. "I'm just a regular soap and water guy. But I still pamper myself with Clarins' Shaving cream, Aftershave and Facial Wash."

Paolo Abad, is a shy, unassuming looker who established what could very well be one of the country's few Net-based procurement/delivery services

As Chief Information Officer of e2door.com, Paolo Abad makes electronic shopping a breeze for his clientele. "When you buy anything from the net, we make sure we get it for you and deliver it right to your very doorstep," he boasts.

"It's the perfect solution for buyers who want to get stuff from e-bay or Amazon, who normally don't ship to the Philippines."

Despite his corporate success, Paolo finds as much joy and satisfaction being with his wife and two kids, or just curling up with his favorite book.

Paolo admits to having stumbled on a good skin pampering secret - thanks to his wife who is an ardent skincare fanatic. "I used to love their Gentle Foaming Cleanser for Women, and even the Energizing Oil for massage," he admits gingerly. With the foaming cleanser, I don't get pimples that easily, my face looks healthy and my cheeks get rosier."

"But I'm even more impressed with the new ClarinsMen range, because it's got virtually everything a man needs. There's a Facial Wash, a moisturizing gel, shampoo, an aftershave, moisture balm, a deodorant, fatigue fighter and even an undereye serum - which is a great help for puffy eyes." Paolo adds.

Coco Mauricio. Hongkong-based Francisco 'Coco' Mauricio is one of the thousands who were elated over the eventual demise of the SARS scare

"It was very surreal," recalls the boyish-looking ActMedia executive. "You know those cowboy Westerns where you'd see some hay tumbling across a ghost town? It was like that."

Thankfully, the Crown Colony is once again brimming with economic activity - and even better opportunities for Coco's in-store media company.

"Basically, we sell airtime inside supermarkets " he explains. "You see all those pop-up ads in the supermarket shelves, or those floor stickers? That's what we do."

Asked to detail his daily regimen, Coco succinctly states, "It's a simple concept: work hard, party hard! I work out three times a week. I run, play squash and do my gym workouts before lunch."

And how does he pamper himself? Coco confesses, "I'm probably the least vain person in the world. I don't use shampoos or deodorants. I started using perfumes just four years ago. I even use soap on my hair."

Coco grins with amusement as he recalls his initial brush with the Clarins products. "I was at the airport waiting for my luggage which contained my suits and other stuff that I needed for a wedding," he recounts. "After taking what I THOUGHT was MY bag, I shuffled home and guess what? The bag contained a whole load of Clarins products. I never got back my bag since, but I've since been using the Clarins range - which turned out to be pretty good anyway."

"The Moisture Balm does wonders during colder climes, and for a non-shampoo fanatic like me, the Clarins Total Shampoo is very light and invigorating."

Glenn Soco. Cebu-based Glenn Soco is the man behind Coffee Dreams, an upscale coffee shop chain that started out in Cebu and eventually branched out in Cagayan de Oro and Davao.

Coffee Dreams prides itself for utilizing its original brew concocted from the best local coffee beans. "We serve mainly coffee, cakes and pastries, and we're proud to state that our brews cost 2/3 less than the more popular coffee shop brands. We've aimed it really for the lower income market."

The broad-shouldered entrepreneur hones his V-shaped torso with regular gym bouts and cardio workouts. "I also love the outdoors, I love traveling abroad and even here in the south - where we have a lot of uncharted islands," he adds.

Asked if he's vain, Glenn quickly retorts, "All men are!" And as evinced by his healthy tan, he says, "I hardly even use sunblock. I'd only use it when my girlfriend would remind me."

From the exhaustive list of his outdoor passions - such as volleyball, skiing, swimming and even golf - it looks like Glenn had better start stocking up on sunblock, and other skin care stuff as well.

"I believe healthy skin comes naturally with a healthy lifestyle," he ponders. "I don't smoke, I watch my diet, and I get by with adequate help from the Clarins Men skin care line."

Robert Duat. One look at Robert Duat's towering frame and you know he's got more than what it takes to make it in the local league. Currently playing for the Alaska Aces, the 27-year-old beefcake got a headstart during his eventful stint in the PBL, and eventually moved on to joining the Cebu Jets in '98.

In his own little way, Robert helped steer the San Miguel through five championships before he was traded in for his Alaska stint. Not only that, he was also cited as the league's Most Improved Player last year.

When not busy dribbling or slam-dunking his way to stardom, Robert restores old hot rods. "Yes, I'm a grease monkey," he confesses. "I have three now: a '67, '68 and '91 Mustang which I beefed up from scratch."

Unlike other gym aficionados who huff and puff their way through long and grueling sets, Robert breezes through a workout in less than an hour. And though he's used moisturizers back in the States ("because it was so cold and my skin dries up"), Robert isn't really too fussy about his skin care needs. "I use sunblock when I go to the beach, a little baby cologne every now and then," he adds.

"Before, I used to marvel at how all these women could keep up with their skin care rituals," he chuckles. "But now that I've tried the Clarins Men's line, such as the moisturizer, shampoo and face wash, I understand where they're coming from. They really do wonders for your skin!"

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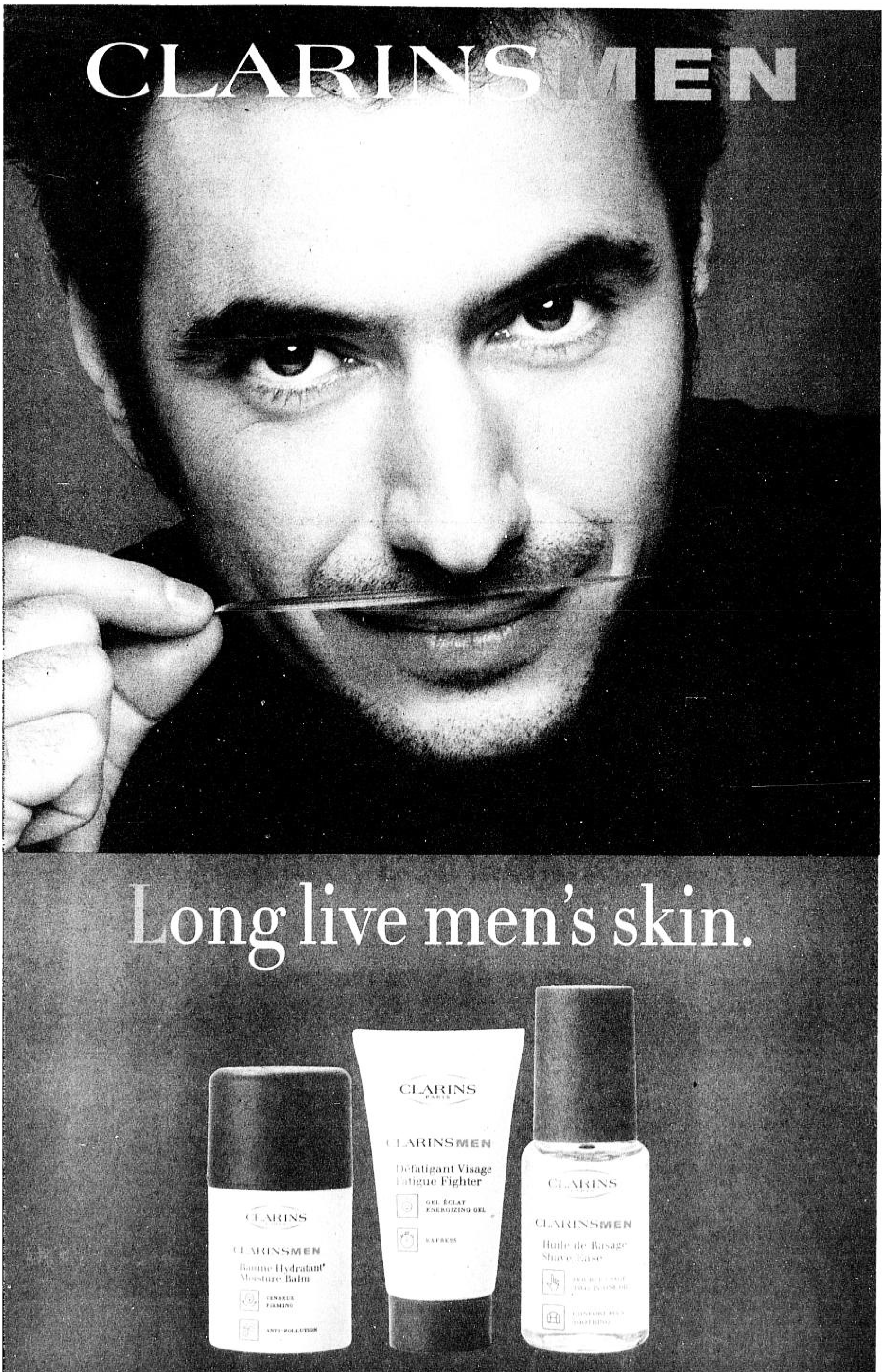

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Dolphy and the secrets of his success

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ent Theater, back when he was known as Golay. From Golay the stage comic to Dolphy the King of Comedy was a long climb but he managed.

Heck, he didn't just manage, he amassed a fortune from making us double up in laughter in such movies as "Jack en Jill," where he got his first star billing in a gay role opposite Lolita Rodriguez's tomboy character, "Facifica Falayfay," Lino Brocka's "Ang Tatay Kong Nanay," his award-winning "Omeng Santanasia," the "John en Marsha" series of hit movies (opposite the late Nida Blanca), "Buhay Artista" and "Markova."

After more than 50 years in show business, the durable Dolphy has no regrets as far as his career is concerned. He is happy that he is still working and able to give to his favorite charity, which many say include some of his 18 children.

Dolphy hardly spoke of his past romances but gamely answered all other questions, including his current relationship with Zsa Zsa Padilla. He said his womanizing days were over and that he'd marry Zsa Zsa as soon as she got her annulment papers.

As for politics, he said, no, thanks. The public office is not for him. He does his share in helping the country by praying for its leaders and paying his taxes.

> **What are you planning to do in the next 75 years?**
>
> Wala na. Siguro, isang magandang pelikula na lang na merong ibig sabihin

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How many days did it take to tape your birthday special?

Two days.

What? Two days?

Nag-start kami mga hapon.

For that special, were your children present?

Nandoon. Pati 'yung mga anak kong nasa States, nandoon.

The special was shown during the coup, so did the ratings suffer?

Siyempre, magsa-suffer 'yun. Pero okay naman. Buti medyo naka-relieve, nawala 'yung tension. Doon pa nga yata pumasok 'yung news break ng Presidente na sumurrender na ang mga sundalo.

Are you making a movie?

Wala, wala.

What about TV?

TV? Tuloy pa rin, 'yung "Home along da Riles." Pero papalitan na dahil aalisin na 'yung mga nasa riles (laughter). Si Bayani Fernando... tatanggalin 'yung mga tao, para siguro medyo maganda ang dating doon sa mga taga-riles.

Will that be a dramatic scene, the relocation of the squatters?

Ang dramatic 'yung episode na maghihiwalay-hiwalay na kami. Sabi nga ni Fernando, kayo nina Azon, Kevin, unang-una sa listahan. Unang-una ang bahay naming tatanggalin.

What's it like to be 75?

Well, minsan nagpa-flashback sa akin [ang nakaraan]. Kasi magsi-60 years na ako sa business na ito. I can still remember some of my [friends]... you know, mga nawala na... Especially recently, sunod-sunod... puro kasama ko sa Sampaguita ang mga 'yun... Oscar Moreno, Cesar Ramirez, Vic Vargas.

So who are the hold-overs from that period? Kayong dalawa na lang ni Eddie Garcia?

Kami ni Eddie... Matibay yon. Pero 'di naman siya 84 na tulad ng sinasabi niya. Nag-usap kami minsan. Sabi niya sa akin, sinong matanda sa ating dalawa? Sabi ko, uy, tumigil ka nga (laughter), Balita ko nag-scout ka noong panahon ng giyera (laughter). Kung 'di ako nagkakamali, kaedad mo si Panchito.

And how old would that be?

79, kung buhay. You're right, sabi niya. So 79-80 lang siya.

You've said you're semi-retired, but you have a sitcom, you have a Talk 'N Text commercial. What's your definition of semi-retired?

Well, hangga't kaya pa ng katawan lalabas pa ako. Kaya pa-check up nang pa-check up. Pero 'di na kasing dami ng pelikula dati. Lahat naman madalang na ang pelikula ngayon talaga.

What would you like to do that you haven't done before? Na kaya n'yo pang gawin o gusto n'yong gawin before you completely retire from show biz?

Wala na. Nagawa ko na lahat. Nag-Japayuki na ako (laughter). Kami ang unang Japayuki, 1951 pa lumalabas na kami sa Japan. Mostly ang audience namin, Amerikano saka Hapon.

But you weren't doing comedy yet?

'Yung aming number may comedy na. Kasama ko si Bayani Casimiro.

Who are your friends in the industry now? Kung magre-relax ka sinong kasama mo, puwera sa pamilya.

(Laughs) Mga kaibigan? Wala na. Namayapa na. Mga kaibigan ko na lang sina Ramon (Revilla, the senator), Eddie...

You still get together?

Oo, minsan, minsan kainuman ko si Eddie.

You mean you still drink?

'Di na. Red wine, puwede.

Do you still smoke?

'Di na, matagal na. Mga 1976 pa ako nag-stop. Kasi noong magpa-check up ako, sarado na raw 'yung diaphragm ko (laughter). Three packs a day ako, brown na brown na nga itong kamay ko. Pag 'di ka tumigil, sabi sa akin, magkakaroon ka ng emphysema. Paglabas ko, tigil na. Tinapon ko na ang mga sigarilyo ko. Kasi noong sinabing emphysema, sabi ko nasa mercy ako ng oxygen nito. Nakikita ko 'yung mga dinadalaw ko, naglalakad lang may oxygen na dala.

The special for your 75th birthday should have been a tribute but ABS-CBN made you perform. Pinagsayaw pa rin kayo, pinakanta.

Okay lang. Baka raw hindi mabili.

But you got paid for that special, right?

Hindi, meron kaming deal doon, parang co-production. Si Zsa Zsa ang may idea noon. Noong 70 years old ako, 5 years ago, ganoon ang ginawa nila. Nakaupo lang ako. Pero hindi rin kasi ako puwede mag-perform kasi magpapa-bypass na ako noon. That was July 25. July 30 na-bypass na ako. Kaya hindi rin ako puwedeng lumabas.

But this time you were okay?

Sabi ko medya-medya lang (laughter). 'Di na kamukha ng dati. 'Di bale kung kanta-kanta, madali, hindi ka pagod. Pero noong sinabing kasabay ko si Gary Valenciano, kako, tinitingnan ko lang si Gary, humihingal na ako (laughter).

Do you exercise?

Treadmill. 'Di naman araw-araw. Pag nagte-taping ako 'di ako nagte-treadmill. Kung wala, nagte-treadmill ako. Mga 30 minutes a day.

How about dumbbells?

Maliit lang. Daya na lang (laughter). 'Pag nandiyan si Zsa Zsa, kunwari. Pati mga push up, kalahati lang (laughter). Daya na lang.

Have you won the Famas award?

Famas, oo. Minsan.

For which movie?

"Omeng Satanasia." Marami akong roles na ginampanan doon.

Have you been nominated for the Urian award?

Oo, nomination lang, pero di pa ako nanalo. Binigyan na nila ako ng Lifetime Achievement (award).

Do you work with a script in "Home along da Riles?"

May script 'yun. Nagkaka-ad liban din.

Did you have a script for "Buhay Artista?"

"Buhay Artista?" Meron, may script lahat 'yun. Si Ading [Fernando] ang writer, 'di siya ang director noon. Sa "John en Marsha" siya ang writer at saka director.

Which of the young comedians do you think will follow in your footsteps?

Well, marami naman ngayon, marami sila. Kung minsan, dumarating atrasado. Marami sila.

But they don't have the staying power and they're not consistent.

Well, ganoon din naman ako noong araw. 'Di naman ako naging Dolphy rin agad. Nagtiyaga nga muna ako doon sa mga sinasabi ko sa inyong Japayuki at kung anu-anong stage show. Nag-extra extra ako sa mga pelikula.

In your long career, have you ever had a manager?

Wala, wala. Meron akong kaibigan parang ika nga tinatawag ko siyang secretary.

> **Who among your children is the funniest?**
>
> Si Vandolph, si Epi... At saka yung nasa Amerika, yung babae

85 na siya... 85 na nag-birthday kahapon (laughs).

Matanda pa sa iyo. Dapat bigyan ng tribute (laughter). You have no problems making a connection with the masa, but we all know you're wealthy. How do you do it?

Eh, galing ako doon, eh, kaya sanay ako magpunta sa masa. Dati akong masa. Sa Tondo ako pinanganak. Doon ako nag-aral.

Sa Torres, sa Magat Salamat ako nag elementary.

What are the differences between the movie stars of your generation and the movie stars of today?

Mga artista kasi noong araw, kakaunti. At saka noong araw piling-pili. 'Pag 'di ka mataas, 'di ka magandang lalaki, 'di ka magiging bida. Kung 'di ka mataas, maganda, maganda magbihis, 'di ka makukuhang bidang babae. Ngayon hindi. Parang ordinaryo na 'yung mga mukha. Pero mas maganda naman 'yung ngayon dahil nagkakaroon ng break 'yung mga...

Pangit at maliit... equal opportunity.

Oo.

Pero 'di ba nawala na 'yung mystique. Di ba sila Leopoldo [Salcedo], sila Pancho [Magalona] ang guguwapo talaga. And they were never seen walking around in the streets?

Oo, hindi. Manonood ka talaga ng pelikula para makita mo sila. Lalo na si Rogelio [de la Rosa] nakatago 'yun. Tuwing lumalabas 'yun nakayukyok doon sa kotse.

But you're not like that, right?

Hindi. Lalo na 'pag kasama ko 'yung mga anak ko, nandiyan kami sa mall, madalas kami sa sine sa Rockwell, sa Greenbelt. 'Pag kasama ko na mga anak ko nagrerequest kumain sa restaurant.

What's your favorite restaurant?

Japanese—Kimpura, Sugi, Tsukiji. 'Pag may pera, doon sa Kai. Doon kami galing ngayon.

Don't you get tired of the fans?

Sanay na ako. Maski abroad pirma ka ng pirma, picture-taking. Sa Italy, sa Germany marami sila. Sa London. Kung minsan nga tig-isa silang camera, inuubos 'yung 36 shots sa mukha mo (laughter). Kung minsan parang mabubulag na ako (laughter). Nagsindi lang pala ng lighter eh ... (flashes a smile). Kumikidlat lang pala... kala ko flash (flashes another smile) (laughter). Pipirma ka pa.

What do you find most endearing about Zsa Zsa?

Well, puwede siya makihalubilo maski kaninong tao.

As a partner?

Okay siya. Maski sa bed, okay kami. (Laughter) Awa ng Diyos naman 'di pa ako nagvi-Viagra. (Laughter)

Did Zsa Zsa tell you what she expected from you as a partner?

Noong nag-umpisa kami, sinasabi na namin 'yung mga... house rules. Kasi ako naman, ang laki ng tanda ko sa kanya, parang mas mapasensya ako sa kanya. Siya ganoon din naman. Siguro tingin niya sa akin, matanda na ito... (laughter). Pagpasensyahan na lang niya ako (laughter).

Is Zsa Zsa moody?

Pababayaan ko muna. Gemini din yan. Alam mo naman, pag kumakanta yan, tumatalak na 'yan (laughter). Siyempre, 'pag nagagalit 'yan, kumbaga crescendo 'yun (laughter). Tahimik muna ako. Pararaanin ko muna 'yung galit. O kaya aalis muna ako.

How many years have you been together?

Kami, mga 14 years na.

So she's not a 7-year itch? (Laughter) Is she the last?

Palagay ko. 75 na ako

Sinabi mo rin yan noong 50 ka eh! (Laughter)

Malayo naman ang diperensya ng 50 sa 75 (laughter). Okay na kami. Okay na.

You think you've finally found your partner for life?

Yeah, yeah... 'Di ko na nga alam ang nangyayari sa labas eh. Kasi ayoko na magpunta sa mga clubs eh. Doon dumami ang kuwan ko, girls ko, sa club eh (laughter). Kaya ayoko nang lumabas.

Bakit kayo tumagal ni Zsa Zsa?

Siguro na-share namin 'yung dinanas naming hirap noon nong una... saka tinatanggap niya 'yung aking mga anak, which is very hard to do.

You mean that did not happen in your previous relationships?

Oo, pero ibig ko sabihin di kamukha noong pagtanggap niya.

Do you still remember all their names?

Ng mga anak ko?

Hindi 'yung mga nakaraan mo. (Laughter)

Ay hindi ko na tinatandaan (laughter). Tahimik na rin sila.

You're not friends?

Friends kami.

When you see Ness [Alma Moreno], for example, how do you react?

Wala, kung minsan, nagkikita kami kasama ni Vandolph, hindi kami nag-uusap tungkol sa mga lovelife o ano. Tungkol kay Vandolph lang. Kamukha noong naaksidente si Vandolph, araw-araw nagkikita kami. Tig-isa kaming kuwarto doon sa ospital. Kamukha noong mother nila Eric, for example. Nagkikita kami. Nagdi-dinner kami. Naguusap kami.

With Zsa Zsa?

Oo, noong namatay ang kapatid ko, tatlo silang nag-uusap doon. (Laughter) Kasi lahat naman ng ex ko, ok naman sila. Di ako nagtatanim ng galit sa tao kasi.

Can you honestly say you don't look at other women now?

Tumitingin ako. Hanggang tingin na lang ako. (Laughter) Di na ako nagnanasa. (Laughter)

Has it ever happened that you liked a woman and she didn't return the affection?

'Di na ako nag-attempt kasi palagay ko di ko makukuha.

Who was that?

Wala. (Laughter)

Off the record.

May asawa na yon, eh. Ayoko nang pakialaman. (Laughter) Nanahimik na.

How many children do you have?

18. Di naman ganoon karami... (Laughter)

Ilang nanay iyon?

6 na nanay.

So far, what has been the biggest problem you've had with your children?

Well, pinakamalaki 'yung kay Junior noong makulong. At saka 'yung nangyari kay Vandolph. Yun malalaki talaga.

May anak ka ba na nanumbat sa iyo? Blamed you for what went wrong in his life, for example?

Wala naman. Kami nila Eric nagdi-dinner kami once a week. Mamayang gabi lalabas kami, kaya lang wala si Eric, tatlong kapatid niya nandoon. May problema ba? Sasabihin nila problema, eh di sige, okay, ganoon lang. Siyempre, sinasabi nila, Dad, ba't naman ganoon, ganito? Siyempre explain ko naman kung bakit ganon. 'Di naman all the time tama ka, di ba?

But there's no fighting among them?

Di naman. Madali naman mapatch up ang away nila.

Wala bang rivalry sa iba-ibang kampo kasi iba-iba 'yung mga nanay nila?

No, kasi maaga pa, pinagsama-sama ko na sila. Baka mamaya magka-ligawan pa kayo kung di kayo magkakilala. (Laughter) 'Di ba? Parang may napanood akong pelikulang ganoon eh. (Laughter)

Do your children ask you for advice about their own relationships?

Yeah, minsan. Pero ako di ako nakikialam doon sa parte na 'yun. Siyempre 'di natin masaklaw 'yung pag-ibig, di ba? Ngayon, kung medyo taliwas, sinasabihan ko lang. Tagilid yan. Ganoon lang. Pag manghingi sila ng advice, siyempre sasabihan ko 'yung mali at 'yung tama.

Do they still ask for money?

Yeah. Some of them ask for money.

Most of them are still dependent on you?

Hindi naman. Kamukha nina Eric, hindi na, sila Epi, 'yung anak ko sa America.

Who among your children takes after you the most? 'Yung nakikita mo ang sarili mo?

(pauses) Wala akong makita eh. Iba-iba ugali eh.

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Who among your children is the funniest? Naturally na nakakatawa?

Si Vandolph, si Epi. Si Eric bungisngis lang iyon. Taga-tawa lang. Pero si Epi at si Vandolph talagang… At saka 'yung nasa Amerika, 'yung babae.

Your kids have been involved in a lot of things. One of them has been in prison. Do you ever blame yourself for things that have happened to them?

I blame myself also. Kasi sa business kong ito, mahirap. Anim na buwan ka sa Japan, anim na buwan maghihintay ang pamilya mo. 'Yun ang mga malulungkot na parte doon. Pero gusto mo naman kumita. Magsu-shooting ka ng isang buwan, kung minsan di mo na napapansin, nalilihis na ng landas ang bata. Siyempre, masakit… Kaya lang ganyan ang trabaho ng artista. Noon , I never saw my family on Christmas, New Year, dahil may show ako. Kasi 'pag Christmas at New Year, may mga labas kami nila Bayani… At saka ang bayad namin triple. Mga early '50s. Maski noong nasa Sampaguita na ako, sumasama pa rin ako diyan.

But did you already have children at that time?

May anak na ako noong '50s, meron na. '51 dalawa na anak ko. Every year nagbibiyahe ako, dumadami din anak ko. (Laughter) Sa Japan lang, tatlong sunod na taon, tigsi-six months ako doon. Tuwing uuwi ako, nagkaka-anak ako. (Laughter)

> Nagra-radyo na ako. Ang bayad sa amin chicharon (laughter), pomadang Superman, mga ganon (laughter)
> **Di pa uso ang gel noon?**
> Di pa nga uso ang gas noon (laughter)

Do you know if your classic movies are still intact? Is there someone taking care of them?

'Yung mga luma nasa Sampaguita [Pictures]. Meron silang "Jack en Jill." Binigyan nila ako ng kopya. Maganda pa. Palagay ko ni-restore nila. Maingat naman sila doon. Eh isipin mo, 1952 'yung "Jack en Jill" noong ginawa ko. Ni-release noong '53. So 50 years mahigit. Pero buo pa 'yung kopya.

What about your costumes? 'Yung mga ginamit mo sa "Facifica Falayfay?"

Wala na eh…

Did the studios own them?

Meron sa studio, 'yung iba noon sa akin…

Did you make an effort to buy the rights to your own movies?

Hindi. 'Di nila ibebenta, palagay ko.' Siguro ibebenta nila for five years nila i-exhibit then babawiin nila.

How many grandchildren do you have?

Siguro mga 31 o 32, dahil nagkakaroon pa, kaya 'di ko na binibilang. (Laughter) Noong birthday ko, nandoon sila sa bahay.

Do you have a favorite apo?

Meron naman, pero hindi ko na sinasabi. Kasi 'yung mga babae, malalambing eh. 'Yun ang nai-in love ka sa kanila dahil malalambing.

What do they call you?

Lolo, Lolo ang tawag nila.

Kay Zsa Zsa? Lola? (Laughter)

Hindi naman. Tita.

What do your children call her?

Kasi matanda pa 'yung ibang anak ko kay Zsa Zsa, so Zsa Zsa lang ang tawag nila.

Wasn't your name Golay when you started in the movies?

Noong lumalabas ako sa Orient Theater, that was 1947, kami nila Bayani, Panchito… kailangan nila ng Chinese doon sa show. Eh kasi ako marunong magsalita ng Intsik na tina-Tagalog… o, eto si Dolphy, marunong. Ang role nag-testify ako sa isang crime na parang Intsik. Eh naghahanap sila ng pangalan. Doon sa kanto ng Raon meron lumber store, Golay Lumber. (Laughter) Doon kinuha 'yung pangalan ko (laughter).

Nang mag-click ako dahil kung anu-anong sinasabi ko sa korte, nilalagyan na ng parte 'yung Golay every week. Naglagay na sila ng tindahan doon para sa akin. Naging mainstay na ako.

How did Golay change into Dolphy?

Noong lumipat ako sa Grand Opera House, big time na. From P30 a week naging P30 a day. Galing kami sa Orient. After that, sumama ako kay Paquito Bolero, nag-tour kami buong Pilipinas, hanggang doon sa Dadiangas… 1950 yan, isipin mo. Bumababa kami sa truck dahil 'pag 'di ka bumaba puro bukol ang ulo mo dahil ang dinadaanan lubluban ng kalabaw ang mga lubak. Ang lalalim. (Laughter)

Pagtapos nagra-radyo na ako. Ang bayad sa

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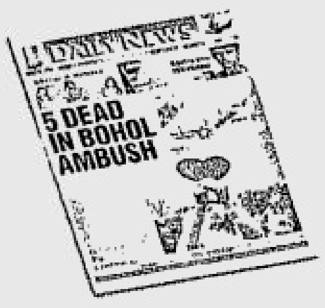

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Dolphy and the secrets of his success

From page E3

amin chicharon (laughter), pomadang Superman, mga ganon (laughter) .

'Di pa uso ang gel noon?

'Di pa nga uso ang gas noon. (Laughter) 'Yun lang ang bayad namin. Naghahati kami ni Panchito kung minsan. Akin na lang itong alak sa iyo na lang ito... pagtapos, nakiki-inom. O bakit nakiki-inom ka pa sa akin?

Tapos nakita ako ni Pancho [Magalona]. Siya ang nag-rekomenda sa akin sa Sampaguita. Ayun, tinanggap naman ako. First picture ko sa Sampaguita "Sulyap Mo Tita." Pero lumalabas na ako sa tatay ni Ronnie.

What was your first starring-role movie?

" Jack en Jill" actually. Dati mga labas ko, gaya noong "Sulyap Mo Tita," sidekick ako ni Pancho, sa "Maalaala Mo Kaya," Rogelio at Carmen, sidekick naman ako ni Carmen.

What was your first gay role?

Sa "Jack en Jill." Noong sinusulat ni Mars Ravelo, mukha ni Bayani at saka mukha ni Batotoy, 'yung isang comedian noong araw. Actually, si Mars Ravelo hindi boto sa akin. Noong lumabas na 'yung "Jack en Jill," sumulat sa akin at nag-apologize si Mars Ravelo. "Na-underestimate ko ang kakayahan mo, blah blah blah..." Tapos puro mukha ko na ang ginagawa ni Mars Ravelo. (Laughter)

How much was your talent fee?

Noon, ang contract ko sa Sampaguita, P1,000 per picture. (Laughter) Noong bida na ako, naging dalawa, tatlo, hanggang noong matatapos na ako umabot na ng 7 hanggang 10. Star na ako. Nagdadala na ako ng pelikula, kamukha noong mga "Tanzan the Mighty."

How much was your fee for your last movie?

Ngayon kasi most of my pictures ako na ang nagpo-produce. Hindi ko na binabayaran sarili ko.

How many movies have you done?

Hindi ko na mabilang... Palagay ko almost 300, pati 'yung mga nilalabasan ko ng bit player.

What was the first movie where you were paid P1 million?

Noong araw lumabas ako sa Lea Productions, P50,000 ang bayad doon.

What about the movie Lino Brocka directed?

Ah, million na yon, nasa million na ako noon. Kasi noong mag-produce ako, nagiging successful naman 'yung mga produksyon ko, kaya medyo naging mahal ako. 'Yun ang naging advantage ko. Kasi noong panahon na 'yon, 'di naman sa pagmamayabang, 'pag nakasabayan niyo ang RVQ, lagot kayo. Iniiwasan kami sa booking.

Di ko matandaan kung anong movie ang unang milyon, kasi pagdating ng '65, nagproduce na ako. "Buhay Artista" nilalabas sa TV noon hiningi ko 'yung movie rights. Pumayag naman sila, naging successful kaagad.

Known ka rin sa pagtulong mo sa kapwa sa movie industry.

Kung merong maitutulong, ibibigay ko... Lalo ngayon, marami ngayong jobless.

When do you say no?

Nagagalit nga kung minsan si Zsa Zsa: Ikaw naman, wala ka nang pera, ibibigay mo pa? May kapalit yan... Bahala ka, sabi niya.

Do you have a hobby?

Wala. Ang gusto ko talaga, aso, kaya lang kay Zsa Zsa bawal talaga ang aso at saka pusa. Dati nagbi-breed ako eh.

How much did you get for your Talk 'N Text commercials?

Secret. (Laughter)

How many campaigns did you sign up for?.

Ang contract ko bale tatlo. Naka isa pa lang. Siguro bago matapos ang taon may isa pa.

Can we make a guess? Five million?

Ayoko, ayoko. (Laughter)

But everybody knows you're a top taxpayer...

Ah, totoo 'yun. Naku, doon nga sa INQUIRER, nakalagay sa editorial, P1 million ako isang episode. Diyos ko. Hindi totoo—P1 million siguro 'yung buong production. 'Yung bayad sa akin P1 million? Kako, hindi na ako magtatrabaho nito. P52 million isang taon. (Laughter)

Is your friend Ronnie Poe running for President?

' Di ko alam eh. Kanina tinawagan ko, eh; may trangkaso raw siya. Kako, nakita kita sa "TV Patrol" kagabi... Di ko alam kung tatakbo siya. Actually, kahit si Susan ayaw.

If he runs, will you give him your support

Sabi ko nga, I'll just cross the bridge when I get there. Alam naman niya hindi ako sumasali diyan eh.

Not even campaigns?

Lalong hindi.

You mean you didn't campaign for Erap?

Hindi, hindi ako nangampanya.

Why were you never enticed to get into politics?

Tama na sa akin ito eh. Politics, ibigay na natin ito sa iba... doon sa mga nalalaman nating mas karapat-dapat.

Meron bang masamang ugali ang isang Dolphy?

Siguro ang naging masamang ugali ko 'yung sa chicks.

If you can do something over, anong babaguhin mo sa buhay mo?

Wala na siguro, dahil okay na. (Laughs) Wala nang masasabi sa akin ang tao.

What are you planning to do in the next 75 years? Is there something else that you dream of doing?

Wala na. Siguro, isang magandang pelikula na lang na merong ibig sabihin.

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OBVIOUSLY a fashionista, my mother dressed me in this off-shoulder, ribbon-strapped dress with finely pleated *borloloy*

Mother's beauty secrets that I learned (and unlearned)

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando

THE FIRST time I realized how much of a fashionista my mother had been was when my baptismal dress turned up sometime in my old married life. Nothing I had ever wrapped my children in when they became Christians could hold a candle to that one. By that time, the tiny outfit was as brown and dry as a tea leaf, and tattered and torn at that, but the cloth was French chantilly lace which, in the '30s, unlike today, was as fine and intricate as spiders' webs. Faded, too, was the just-as-tattered soft silk slip. It was obvious my mama loved dressing me up.

In Quiapo when I was a child, we had a chic mestiza neighbor named Fe Golden who lived in an *entresuelo* across the street. Her breasts were upright, her derriere, luscious. Although shopless, Señora Fe was a couturier in the truest sense, and together she and my mama pieced me together as I grew up. Both of them had great taste and wild imaginations, so I wore shoulderless dresses with straps, finely pleated balloon skirts, sun dresses and soft slacks—nothing corny, mind you. For my fancier frocks they ordered custom-made hats which were delivered to our doorstep in oval boxes with the Spanish milliner's signature on it: Inez F. Granfil. The one I wore longest was a straw chapeau with an upturned brim.

Shirley Temple craze

At that time there was a craze among young mommies over Shirley Temple, a cute four-year-old Hollywood moppet with blonde sausage curls and dimples. Mama filled a whole album with clippings of the child star. Shirley Temple wore the briefest of minis, exhibiting bits of panty fore and aft. Soon enough I had to wear those mini-minis, too, resentfully and endlessly pulling down the hem to hide my panties.

Mama made it a habit to pinch my nose whenever she passed me by. I guess I owe my tall nose to that, but somehow, she forgot to pinch the bridge.

As for my hair, black and straight like my dad's, she had a temporary remedy for that. "Cold wave" had not yet been invented. The only way to get curled was with curling irons (*tenaza*), an instrument of torture if ever I saw one. Hair wrapped in foil was twirled around a kind of *sipit* primitively heated on live coals (something like that). Sometimes the contraption slipped and there was the smell of burning hair. Indeed some little girls had small bald scars on their heads as relics of their mothers' vanity. It took hours of fidgeting to get curled in that manner, and the hard-earned ringlets washed off in a day. I went through the ordeal twice.

Fancy ball

Once was during the 1935 Children's Fancy Dress Ball, a component of the Manila Carnival and the number before the coronation of the Carnival Queen. It was exciting for doting mamas to caparison their kids in fancy costumes and let them parade around the oval for all Manila to see. My cousin, Paping Dinglasan, and I appeared as "Benvenutto Cellini and the Duchess of Florence" (whoever in heck they were). Paping was in a princely silver lamé shirt and cap and me in a Fe Golden midnight-blue velvet gown with a long pearl necklace and a topaz dangling from a Juliet cap on my forehead. I guess we must have won something because there was this photo in a yellowed Manila Tribune clipping. I was five.

The next year, another cousin, Washington Luna, was inveigled into escorting me to another carnival ball cum *tenaza*. This time we were dressed in Filipino peasant gear (not yet popular then). Ton was in camisa chino, red kerchief and pointed velvet *chinelas*, carrying a live chicken, and me in a red *pinokpok saya* with real

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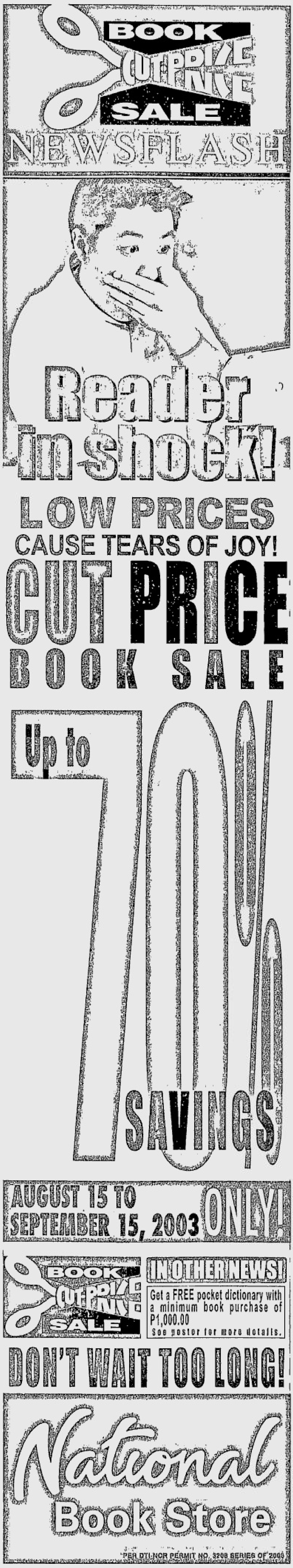
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Can 'Darna' save us?

Art suffers as economy falters

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

PHILIPPINE arts and culture must have died a natural death as our economy went down the drain. Seems art is the first to suffer when everyone, to put it kindly, "goes back to basics."

The performing arts are normally the first casualties. Gone are the glory days of the Cultural Center of the Philippines and the many ballet and other productions with elaborate costumes and set designs. At least, until the advent of "Darna."

But can "Darna" the play, just like the comic book heroine, save us? To a true optimist like myself, there is always hope, although sometimes hardly discernible as it is covered by monumental obstacles. With a magical stone given by her *lola*, the mere mortal Narda becomes Darna and saves the Philippines. I wonder what in the real world can equate to that magic stone and free our country from all our miseries.

COWBOY checking the fashion scene. Diether Ocampo with Retrospective Lady Thelma San Juan

FASHION-WATCH writers. Jenni Epperson and Romina Urra

Just as "Darna" was launching, I arrived from a short visit to Malaysia, truly Asia. Seems one just has to hum that tag line when mentioning the country. Anyway, as I seem to feel whenever I visit our Asian neighbors, I once again felt that our beloved country had been left behind.

Malaysia's state-of-the-art airport has its own six-lane, 60-km superhighway to and from Kuala Lumpur. That's almost the distance from Manila to Clark, except their superhighway isn't stuck in crawl mode.

Depressing sight

Their new airport actually resembles the new Manila airport. I still don't understand why we cannot use the new one when it was already completed early this year. All this politicking is killing us all. How can we lure tourists here when we cannot even get a simple thing like an airport mess resolved? The airport gives everyone their first impression of us and, let's face it, NAIA is depressing.

I say, dare to be great, Ms President! Cut through the legal Gordian knot surrounding our new airport, throw all those shysters and con artists in jail and open the airport. But I digress.

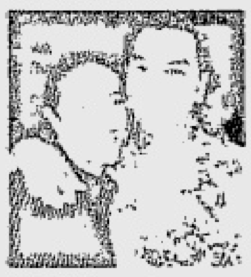
MOM and daughter in style. Ingrid Chua-Go and Pacita Chua

GORGEOUS couple at CCP. Sofia Zobel-Elizalde with husband Patxi

My flight from KL arrived just in time for me to get ready for the opening night of "Darna" at the CCP. Without enough time to head home to get ready, my fairy god-designer, Rajo Laurel, arranged for a room at the Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel.

Thank goodness for nepotism! His brother **John**, manager of the Westin's executive lounge, got me one of the newly renovated, chic suites. It has elegantly appointed furniture and a modern-classic yet homey style.

I was tempted to take home the hotel amenities as I put my accessories on the bed and started getting ready. I couldn't tell whether John was younger or older, and Rajo's definitely not saying, but he's definitely cuter—sorry, Rajo.


ARTSY couple at "Darna." Astrud Crisologo with husband Norman

The design house of Rajo has already mastered my form and requirements (e.g. triple cup C for the padded bra) so much so that my costume was just spectacular. The creation transformed me into the Valentina character of the "Darna" show. Rajo completed my outfit with matching red Swarovski crystals for the snakes' eyes and rubber snakes to adorn my orange wig. The wig was a recent purchase from KL, so it was on its Manila debut that night.

Tourist attraction

After donning more than a dozen snakes all over my body, I traversed the hotel lobby (some tourists took my photo, perhaps thinking I was part of the WOW Philippines campaign) and headed for CCP. Speeding through the side entrance, the guard said the artist entrance was at the other gate and that the show started about 20 minutes earlier. Of course, I just threw him a "*hindi mo ba ako kilala*," head-to-toe look, ignored him and headed straight to the lobby.

The usher was reluctant to let me in because she said they didn't allow people in costumes. I thought it strange that CCP would have such a policy. I mean, just how many other people watch shows wearing costumes anyway?

Another HMBAK look and I quickly got into the first available seat just as the production was getting underway.

With my lousy Tagalog, I got lost in the storytelling but **Tim Yap** saved me with his excellent narration. His character, called DJ Dalang, was the gelling factor of the whole play and even made it more animated with his flamboyant, definitely-my-type outfits.

Though the production had so many original elements and an excellent music score by **Jesse Lucas**, I felt it was trying to incorporate too many things at the same time, which ultimately was too confusing for me. But the whole point is that they produced a creative show which is a genuine work of art. They are giving Philippine arts and culture a chance. It's too bad the last performance is tonight. But I am sure this is not the last time we will see "Darna."

Musical race

Our music is what sets the Philippines apart from any other country in the world. This is one area where we can all be proud of, knowing that no other Asian country has more talent. Upon entering most hotel lobbies, one is bound to hear the singing of our Pinoy performers, with their distinct intonation and accents. Even just recently in KL, at the Shangri-La Hotel, the band was our very own, with **Marilou Rombaon** and **Analiza Remortu** energizing the whole lobby.

MTV supports our Filipino talents. Our local bands were recently awarded at the 2003 MTV Music Awards. The theme this year was "Comics," so when they asked me to be part of it, I obliged and appropriately wore my Valentina outfit once more. Together with **Rosario Herrera**, we had to interview the artists just like in the Oscars but it was on The Orange Carpet.

WEDDING BLISS! Newlyweds Peggy Ty and Terrence Cham pose beside her Joe Salazar gown.

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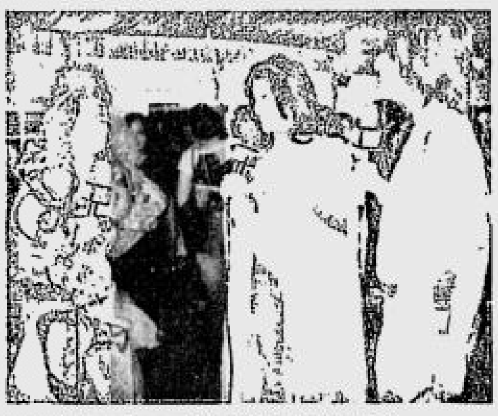
FAMILY PHOTO. World-class designer Joe Salazar, Marites Castillo, sister Tess Castillo and Ricky Castillo

"DARNA" RULES! Talented Rajo Laurel, stage actor Tim Yap, Jon-jon Rufino and snake-covered Valentina


MTV Awards on The Orange Carpet. Valentina, Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos in a Joe Salazar and Rosario Herrera

Best-dressed guest presenter was Ilocos Norte Rep. **Imee Marcos** in a Joe Salazar deVconstructed corset and jeans. The top was transported hours later to the ABS-CBN exhibit of Salazar and became part of the designer's retrospective show.

World-class designer

One place our art will always be truly alive is in the fashion world. Our very talented designers are world-class, and they are specially great when they use native weaves and fabrics. One such outstanding designer was given a tribute by ABS-CBN Publishing's Metro Magazine.

Joe Salazar showcased his finest creations at the retrospective. Of course, I feel there should have been more pieces, perhaps primarily to include one of the gowns he made for me, quite appropriate in the fantasy section.

MY bouquet is bigger than yours! Guests of honor, Lucy Torres and Richard Gomez and my Latina-styled gown

Joe's gowns are breathtaking. This is definitely a must-see exhibit.

It is so evident in his work that he has a background in architecture because of his precision and multi-layering designs.

To be perfectly honest, I am a newcomer to the Joe world. Tatler editor in chief **Anton San Diego** got me hooked on his talent and I have been a follower ever since. I get his fantasy creative juices flowing so we get along so well. For his opening, he rushed me a Latina-styled gown of bright colors set on a black corset.

Sibling rivalry

The gown was so beautiful that my sister, **Sandy Romualdez**, who joined in the ribbon-cutting, felt outshone once more. Of course, that's just a bit of sibling rivalry, and also a test of my editor's loyalties—to see whether that comment makes it to print (*The editor knows better than to meddle in internal affairs—CBF*).

Sandy and I had a joint gossip and beauty make-over session at our regular parlor, Emphasis, after which we rushed to ABS-CBN, and, with the other honored guests, cut the ribbon. The place was packed with the most creative designers of this country, notable personalities and other patrons of this wonderful Joe.

Our local world is alive with art and culture. We merely need to look around. If musical ballet is your fancy, "Beauty and the Beast" is ongoing at Onstage in Greenbelt. My cousin, **Maritoni Rufino-Tordesillas**, plays "Mimi," one of the sisters of Belle. My daughter Annika enjoyed the show, but it's clear she's becoming a critic at her early age. She was quick to point out "it's a fake" because there was no Gaston. But she loved the costumes, the stage and the dancing.

If the art scene is your fancy, the Mag:net Gallery Makati is featuring the one-man exhibit of **Briccio Santos**. His work is contemporary and edgy, and clearly only a creative and intense mind can conceive this kind of work.

At the opening last Thursday, the modern *boheme* wife of the artist, **Peachie Prieto-Santos**, looked radiant as she greeted her stylish, artsy friends.

If food fusion is your fancy, Restaurant 12 has guest chef **Tina Pamintuan** concocting modern European dishes with Aussie touches. The food is excellent and original. Her veal has a chocolate sauce! She tells me she is at the Seaside Market every morning to personally choose the freshwater eel for the day. Great food, great looks. A tough combination to beat!

After this random walk down the arts and culture by-ways of Manila, it's clear there is much to be of good cheer in our country. Politics and airports may get you down, but if you focus on the positive, life can be exhilarating. Where, oh where, can we find Darna's magic stone?

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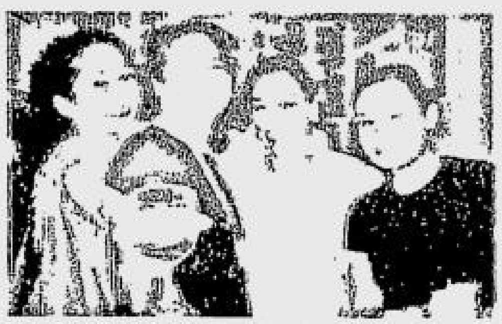
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BRICCIO'S friends. Ricco Ocampo and Tingting Cojuangco

RESTAURANT 12 guest chef Tina Pamintuan

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Mother's beauty secrets . . .

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palay grains glued on to the butterfly sleeves.

When I was 10, my hair was below shoulder length. Mama was fascinated with ribbons and bows of all colors and prints which she styled into my hair. It took a hideously long time to start out for school because mama or the maid would be braiding my hair every which way—close to the scalp and joining a main braid, hanging down like two ropes, crossed at the nape, braids coiled above each ear or in a cross-over coronet. My bangs seemed destined to be permanent. Once every 10 days my mother would take me to daddy's barber to have it trimmed. I climbed up the enormous chair with bolster pillows, had a big sheet envelope me and the barber snipped away at the bangs with lots of critique from mama.

The art of dressing up

As a very small child, I liked watching my mother dressing up in front of her art nouveau dresser with three oval mirrors. You could see yourself from any angle. There were many bottles of perfume on its top—Crepe de Chine (with a sandalwood sliver in it), Mitsuoko, L'Heure Bleue, Shalimar and Lotion Vegetal. Also cologne in a large bottle that she splashed around like water. Sometimes though, mama just gathered jasmine flowers to put in her hair from the vine that my dad planted outside the window.

Mama owned a profusion of scents but like most women in those days, only one lipstick (Max Factor), red. Rouge, in a tiny black tin she applied on her cheeks with a short fat camel hair brush. Her clips and hairpins were in a red and black boat-shaped art nouveau glass container that I use still. It once had a matching perfume atomizer and *polvera* (container for loose face powder). A decade later, the hairpins in the boat-shaped container were replaced with "mervins," evil-looking aluminum hair snap-ons (with teeth) that could create overnight waves.

Rituals

My mother's hair then was long and naturally wavy. With her fingers she would shape a half-moon (onda) on her forehead and another on her temple, flapper style. The rest was caught in a snood at the nape. (A snood is a small hairnet made of fat threads to capture the knotted hair. Later on, it came in many colors.) I particularly liked watching mama getting ready to go to a dance with my dad. She would put each foot into a silk stocking, glide a garter to her thigh and slide the foot into a pointed side-buttoned shoe.

Hair-washing time was another mommy ritual. She used *gugo*, which is bark skinned off a thick thorny *gugo* vine, pounded thin into flat sheets and divided into one-foot lengths. *Gugo* is still available in big markets and herbal stalls today. The maid would soak the piece of *gugo* in about three or four *tabo* of water in a basin. When soft (in few minutes) the *gugo* was rubbed together (like washing a piece of cloth) until all the juice was leeched out. The liquid was then filtered through a sieve. A *kalamansi* was squeezed into it for extra smoothness and shine.

TOO small to complain at two, I had fancy outfits like this

AT THREE, dolled up by my mom in caramel crepe dress with cutwork

Recently, when I was asked by the young hairdresser of an upscale parlor what shampoo I used, I proudly answered, *gugo*! (The last vestige of my mother.) He politely wanted to know whether it was animal, vegetable or mineral. I was shocked! A hairdresser who had never seen a *gugo*? Though suds-less, the natural shampoo never harmed the hair and one didn't ever need a dandruff remover, a hair conditioner or a hot oil. I suddenly realized how old and removed I was from this chemical generation all of whose shampoos, creams and lotions, medicines and balms, flavorings and sauces came from test tubes, whose kids can never imagine that French fries could come from a potato dug from the earth, and whose matrons firmly believe that everything made by God can be improved by plastic surgery.

In my old age I like the wrinkles on my face. They are the history of my happiness and my griefs. If there are crows' feet at the corners of my eyes they should be from laughing at the antics of my grandchildren. If there are lines around my mouth they should be from puckering my lips to kiss people. If I have eyebags it must be stored tears left over from crying for people I have lost. Who wants to be a tabula raza?

HAIR crimped and all dressed up, with my escort for the Manila Carnival, 1935

How come other mothers taught their daughters virtues and mine taught me vanities?

Fear of freckles

Of course, I didn't believe in many of my mother's beauty rituals. To the day she left this earth, for instance, mama had peaches-and-cream complexion, and I could never comprehend why she still hankered for fairer skin. It must have been a whole colonial-minded generation. Women carried umbrellas not because it was raining but because they mortally feared getting dark and sunburned. The only extant post-WWII bleaching product (unlike the proliferation on the shelves today) was something called Stillman's Freckle Cream, which my mama used to fade her four freckles. Then she realized that it could make the rest of her face and also her neck lighter! Needless to say, I, too, soon had to plaster my face and neck with that goo. (Yes, neck, too, because she claimed that face and neck were a unit, it shouldn't look like a different head was connected to your neck). Bedtime was difficult because I was afraid the cream would wipe off and excruciatingly slept with my head immobile and barely touching the pillow.

And what about the rest of the body? Would it remain disconnected? Soon enough my mother obtained a formula for a full monty bleaching. It consisted of:

1 quart hydrogen peroxide from William's Pharmacy
½ box medium Lux soap flakes
olive oil

Combine the first two ingredients and beat vigorously with a wire whisk until the consistency of thick meringue. Apply with a small brush on the whole body except the face. (Please do not try this.)

With all that icing on I looked like an Abominable Snowman. It stung where there were small scratches and insect bites. When the mixture dried and began to peel (about ½ hour later) it was time to go under the shower. All of the goo fell off and out emerged mama's white duckling! Then I was slathered with olive oil and now resembled a bird ready for frying. Since I had to undergo those bleachings periodically, the hairs on my arms and legs embarrassingly turned gold! That was when I got introduced to depilatories. Since I was almost 17 by that time, my mother allowed me my first black party dress. She thought it would make a good contrast to my instant American complexion.

The nightly Stillman's Freckle Cream routine continued relentlessly even after the Stillman Company stopped distribution in the Philippines. My addicted mother managed to inveigle all friends going abroad to buy the cream for her—from Hong Kong, Singapore, England, America. I think the Stillman company should give my mother a posthumous award.

I couldn't relate to such an obsession for beauty. For a flat tummy, mama encouraged standing up from table immediately after each meal and walking back and forth the length of the *sala*, ironing one's belly with the palms of one's hands. (How could it work with an *ensaymada* under it?). "Don't slouch!," she'd admonish me and my sister. "Sit up straight all the time!" (To this day my sister and I are ramrod straight like PMA plebes and have great trouble trying to slouch glamorously like models do). There was an abundant supply of fruit daily on our table because mama believed it "cleared the skin." She gave us enemas regularly for the same purpose. She herself played a lot of badminton (in smart printed culottes) and gave us a fine role model for exercise (and especially the outfits to wear for it).

Chic mama

Fashionable mama designed and sold jewelry to a faithful clientele, and she loved making earrings, bracelets and rings for my sister and me from the odd pieces of leftover/defective stones. She was always able to create something beautiful. We just took for granted that we would always be supplied new jewelry for important occasions. Thankless me, though, sometimes rejected mama's jewelry creations as "too sweet" for what I fancied was a sophisticated me.

It was therefore with some surprise that I heard my best friend Mariel say, many decades later, how she envied me a mother who could advise on grooming. Her mother, she complained, was a teacher and clueless about beauty rituals. (How I envied in turn a mom like hers who made her love reading the classics). How come other mothers taught their daughters virtues and mine taught me vanities?

When I became 17 it was rebellion time. Henceforth I didn't want to look like part of a race I didn't belong to. I gave up all mama's bleaches, creams and lotions, juices and enemas. I secretly packed the petticoats that made me look like Marie Antoinette to donate to the Christmas drive. Henceforth I would design my own clothes and let the seamstress at the corner execute them. (I found it silly to spend so much on clothes). I would eat three Babe Ruths for lunch. I would walk in the sun and the rain. That was when I began to really look awful.

CARTIER jewelry pieces inspired by wind bells

WISH knots made of black silk string add to the collection's Chinese flavor.

Enter the dragon

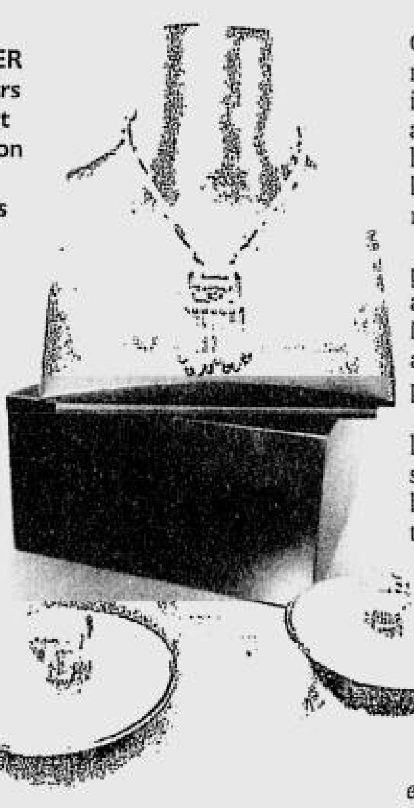
Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

CHINA'S growing influence is reflected in Cartier's latest jewelry collection, which is inspired by such elements as wind bells, wish knots and padlocks. The traditional inspirations are streamlined and encrusted with pricey diamonds, rubies, jade, onyx, quartz and garnet set either in yellow or white gold and lacquer.

Less than a week after the failed Oakwood mutiny, executives from Cartier's regional office in Hong Kong, led by public relations manager Carmen Gomez-Menor, launched the 46-piece collection dubbed as "Kiss of the Dragon," in Manila. Such was their confidence in the country's future, including the high-end jewelry market.

"China has become a strong influence in the West for the past two years now," said Gomez-Menor. "And this influence goes beyond fashion to include food, furniture and lifestyle options."

Drawing inspiration from China, she said, is nothing new to Cartier. The Paris-based luxury brand has been using jade and lacquer in its handbags and vanity cases for years now. This is the first time, however, an entire collection is inspired by Chinese symbols.



CARTIER considers its latest collection both timeless and trendy.

Although a number of pieces in the collection are chunkier than previous items, Cartier's latest look has nothing to do with current trends, when chandelier earrings and big necklaces have become more the norm than the exceptions.

Universal

"Cartier jewelry is known for its universal and timeless quality," said Gomez-Menor. "Every piece is designed in Paris to stand the test of time."

The collection's title, "Kiss of the Dragon," is in itself a paradox, Gomez-Menor said. The collection is as sensuous as a kiss yet as bold as a dragon's fiery breath. Unlike in Western mythology, where the dragon is seen as something evil, ancient Chinese equated the mythical creature with energy, creation and activity.

"Dragon and jade were the symbols of imperial power [in ancient China]," she said.

This is perhaps only in keeping with Cartier's long tradition of dealing with members of European royalty, which began in 1888. Long before it gained a reputation as a leading watchmaker, Cartier is said to have made a name for itself catering to kings, queens and other members of the royal court.

"This tradition is reflected in Cartier's pieces, which are intricate, complicated and thus impossible to copy," said Gomez-Menor. "We take pride in both the design and the craftsmanship that go into each piece."

The collection is colorful, whimsical and loaded with meaning. The padlock, for instance, is said to symbolize long life and a happy marriage. Buyers can even join in the design process while making their own wishes by tying into knots the black silk string that comes with every piece in the wish-knot series.

It certainly doesn't hurt to engage in some form of wishful thinking during these trying times.

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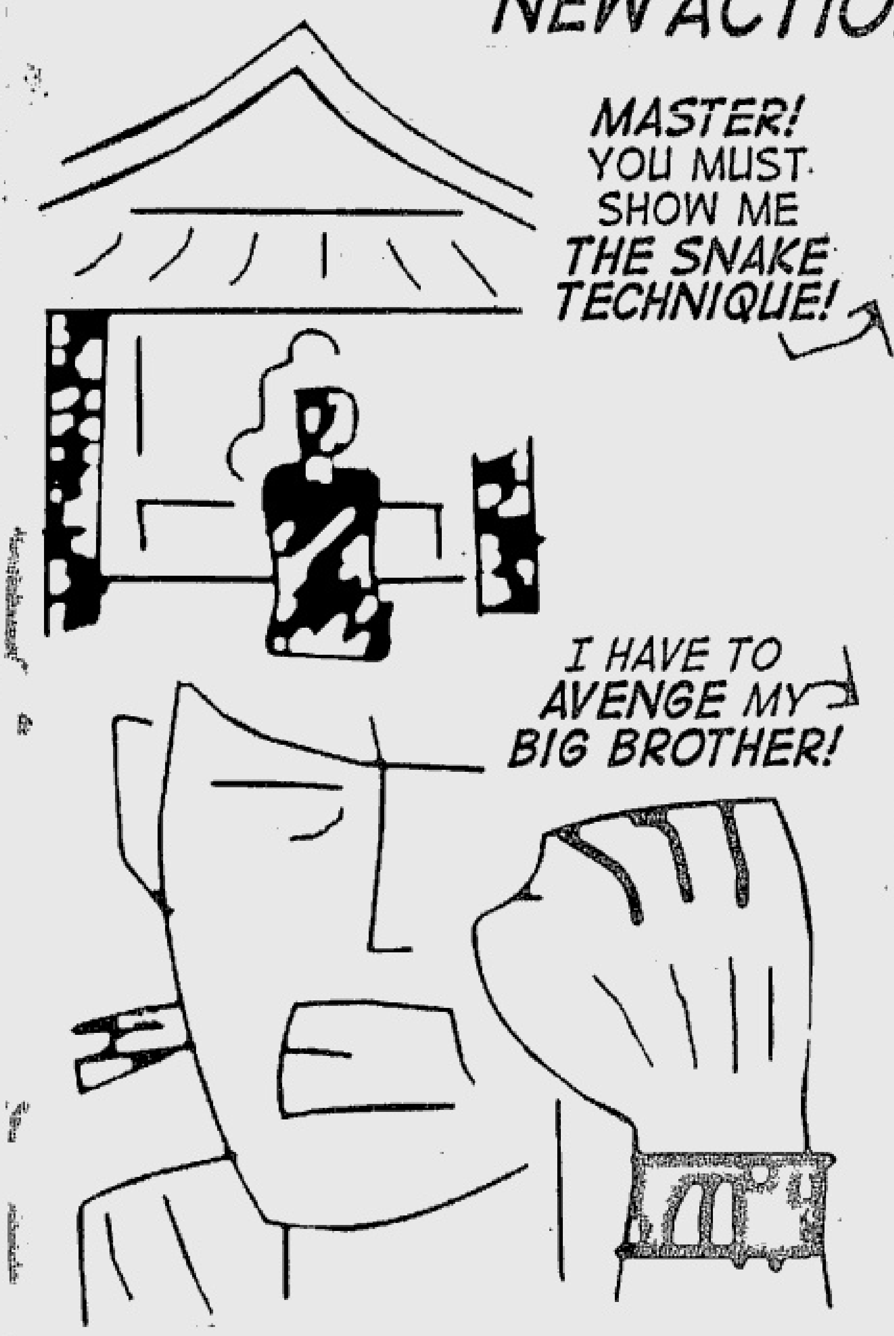
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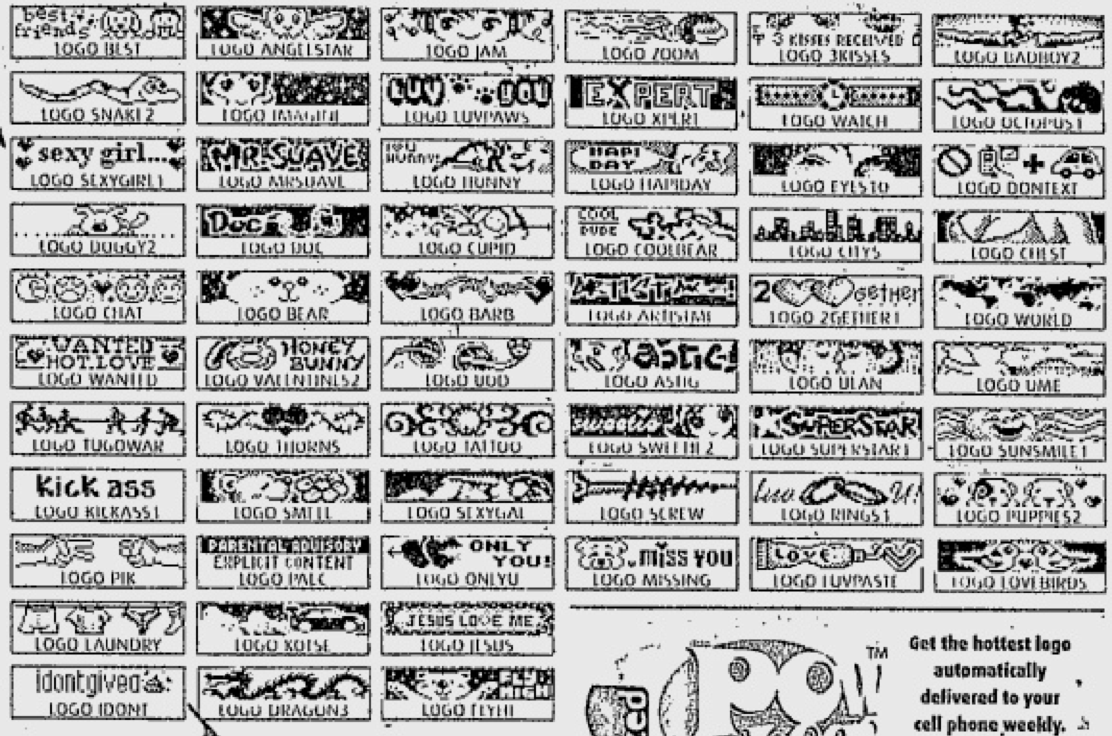
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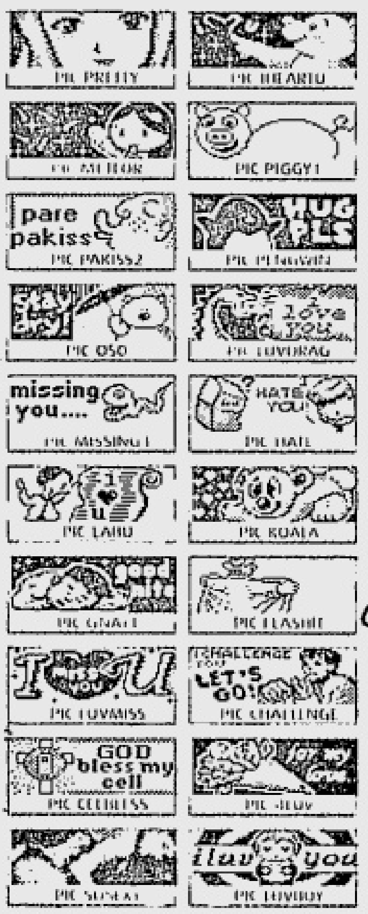
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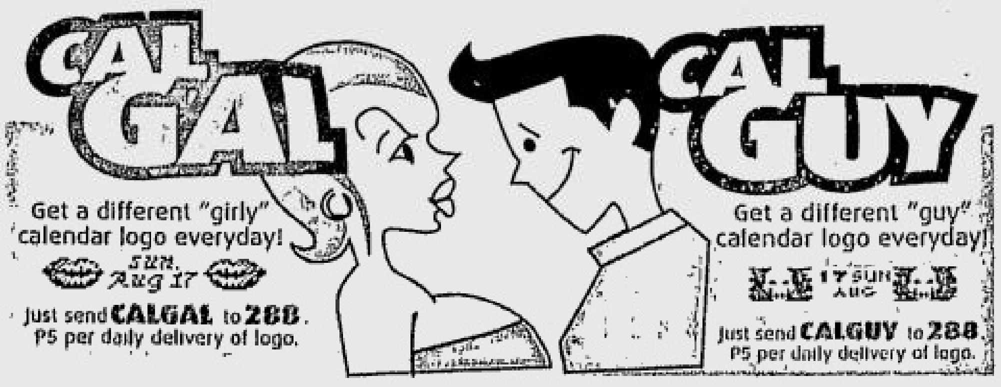
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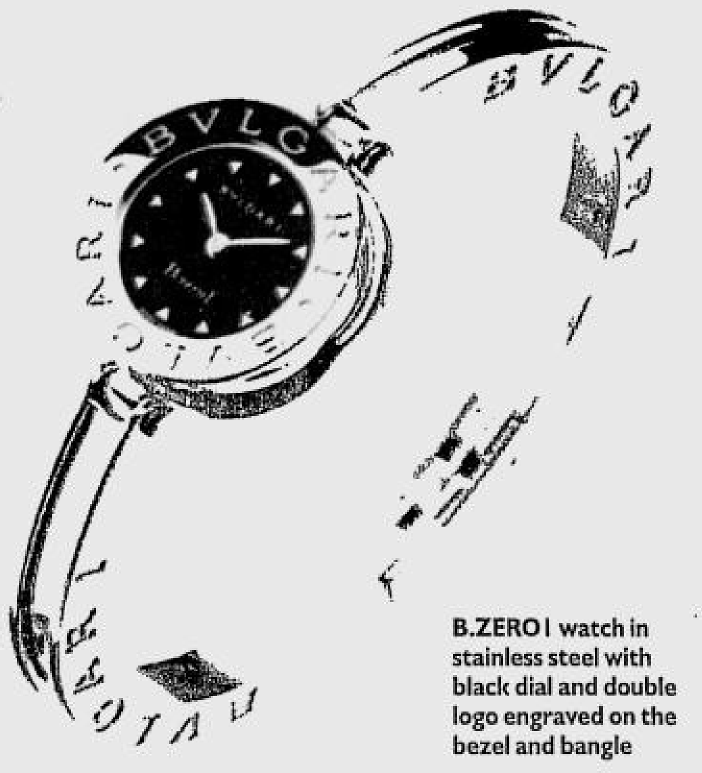


B.ZERO1 watch in stainless steel with black dial and double logo engraved on the bezel and bangle

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego

BULGARI'S **Fabulous New Collection 2003**—Phuket is on my list of places in the world I have always wanted to visit. So when I was invited by Bulgari to a three-day event to launch its latest collection of watches, jewelry and perfume, I could not pass up the offer.

The House of Bulgari was founded in the late 18th century by a Greek family of silversmiths. **Sotirios**, the only survivor of 11 children, founded the Bulgari empire. He opened his first store, which remains the flagship store, in 1905 on Via Condotti, Rome.

In more than a century, Bulgari has become synonymous with fine timepieces and exquisite jewelry, bags, leather accessories, etc.

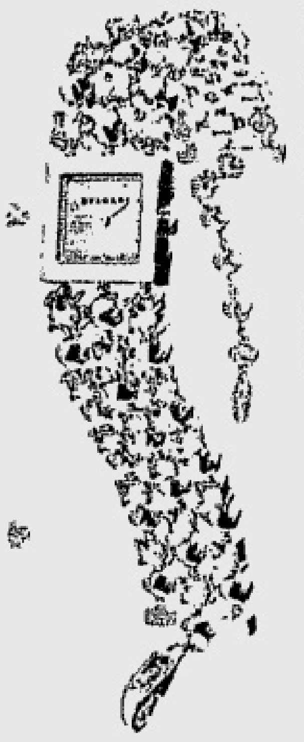
I was booked at the Sheraton Grand Laguna, a five-star resort situated near a lagoon. Other invitees were editors and journalists from all over Southeast Asia and Australia. The first activity was the launch of Gerald Genta and Daniel Roth, timepieces known for their complicated movements (watch lover's dream!).

Unfortunately, the brands are not carried in Manila yet, but may soon be.

The next day was an eventful one. We took a bus to Chalong Bay and, from there, went on a one-hour boat ride to Phi Phi Island, where the movie "The Beach" with **Leonardo DiCaprio** was filmed. We had lunch there, did some sunbathing and shopping, while others snorkeled.

The evening's activity was the highlight of the trip, the unveiling of the new Bulgari collection. We were taken to the presidential villa of the Amanpuri, which was breathtaking. Even more so were the jewelry and watches housed in different villas.

First stop was for the women—a collection called Theme 2003. The collection's inspiration came from the Bulgari '70s designs and original sketches found in Bulgari archives. What sets the company apart from other jewelers is its daring and creative combination of materials and colors, using diamonds in pink and leaf green, rhodonite, green garnet, mother of pearl in gold platinum and silver settings.



LUCEA watch in white gold and soft bracelet set in blue topazes

A lot of exquisite jewelry and watches were presented, but what stood out for me were chokers and bracelets in stingray leather (a surefire hit in Manila!). For ladies' watches in the B.zero1 collection, a stainless steel cuff bracelet with the Bulgari double-engraved logo on both sides and those in colorful and shiny leather straps were beautiful. In the Lucea collection, the watches in white gold with bracelets of blue topaz or pavé diamonds would make a woman weep if she didn't get one of those!

I liked everything in the men's collection and was thinking how I could sneak them past the guards and the pretty, dynamic and hardworking Bulgari women, **Asha Langdown** and **Fiona Mannini**. The one that caught my attention in particular was the Diagono professional scuba diving watch 2000m. The number means that it is waterproof up to a depth of 2,000 meters or 6,750 feet. The collection will arrive at the new Bulgari store in Greenbelt 4 in October.

Hot new TV show—"Queer Eye for the Straight Guy." It's touted as one of the hottest television shows of the year. The lead stars are called the new Fab 5: A team of gay men sworn to uphold style, class and their subscription to Vogue. Every week, their mission is to transform a drab, pleated-trouser-wearing man, who thinks Murakami is a type of sushi, into a style savvy, culture vulture who can finally distinguish between Barney the store and the purple dinosaur. Think of it as Eliza Doolitle in "My Fair Lady," minus Audrey Hepburn, with a bunch of Prissy-la's added. Calling local TV producers: Time to copy this format. Advice: Use real hip gays and not predictable ones who look like women.

Hot new brands, now in Manila! It will be every fashionista's dream come true when Greenbelt 4 finally opens in October. First off, the retail giant SSI is opening several new stores, namely Gucci, J.P. Tods and Bottega Venneta. My all-time favorite brand Gucci will open on Oct. 15 and will offer a wide range of product lines from RTW, handbag and luggage, leather accessories, shoes, scarves, watches, perfumes, and fine jewelry. The Gucci store will have a selling space of 272 sq m and is designed by no less than the creative director, **Tom Ford**, and world-renowned architect and designer **William Sofield**.

Must-go to concert—Michael Bublé in Manila. Since the fashionistas are happy, now it's the music lovers' turn. My favorite international male singer (second to **Josh**, of course) **Michael Bublé** is coming to Manila on Sept. 10 for a promo tour and several concerts. One of the highlights of his visit will be a gala performance at the Meralco Theater. The affair is strictly invitational so if you are invited, you better be there! Bublé's gala night is one of the events lined up by PLDT to mark its 75th anniversary. To those who don't get an invite, don't fret. There is a concert at the Philippine International Convention Center on Sept. 18. Call 844-8153.

A night with Cris Villonco. Last Thursday I watched the next star in the horizon, **Cris Villonco**, sing her heart out. The concert was en-

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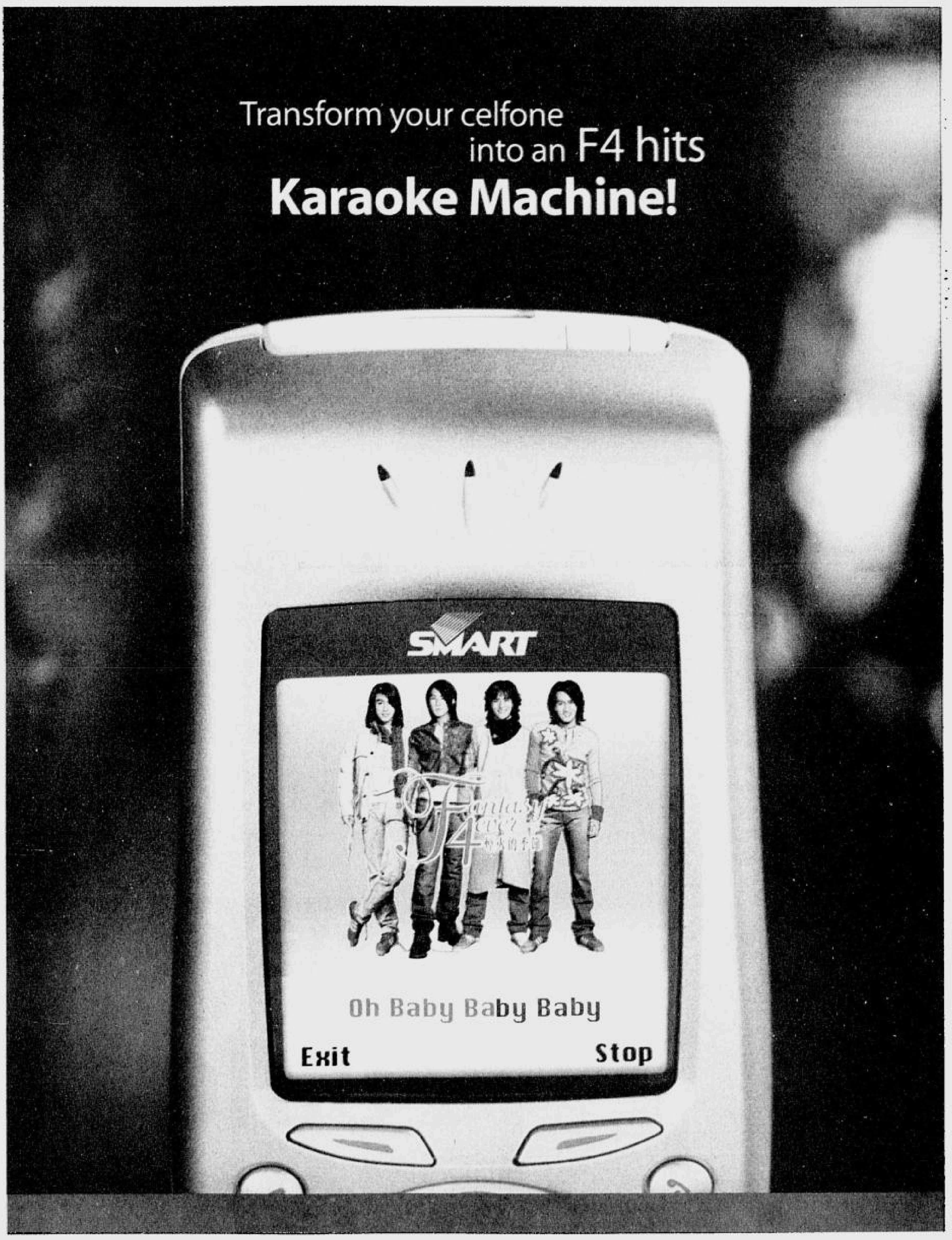

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A CANDID shot. From left, Margot Larrañaga, Annie Osmeña Aboitiz, Quina Melendez, Paqui Melendez de Aboitiz and Marian Cabbarus-Aboitiz

A royal welcome for Spain's Consul General

Don Emilio de Miguel drops by to cheer the hearts of Cebu's Iberian-loving community

SPAIN'S Consul General in Manila **Don Emilio de Miguel** recently came and was given a royal welcome by the Casino Español de Cebu.

Leading the welcome was president **Edmundo Misa**, assisted by vice president (and also chair for structures) **Manuel Guanzon**, secretary **Edgar Gica**, treasurer **Angel Veloso Jr.**, house chair **Manuel Pages**, director for cultural events **Luis Moro** and director for sports **Michael Miranda**.

The first thing on Don Emilio's schedule was a visit to the construction of the new Casino Español building.

Members of the building committee were on hand to show him how fast-paced the work has been. Two floors are already up, with the rest to be completed in less than a year.

There are close to 500 members of the Casino Español de Cebu, representing a cross-section of the city and not just those of Hispanic descent.

Perhaps not one of the current board members may be fluent in Spanish, but that's alright. All the traditional fetes and celebrations of the club since its establishment in 1920 have been maintained and nurtured amid fraternal camaraderie.

The old building, erected shortly after the war, had deteriorated so much it had to be demolished. Funds were raised through the sale of proprietary shares, which were an unprecedented success.

CEBU CEBU

Jaime Picornell

More than the 1,000 shares targeted for selling went to eager buyers, and there is a clamor to release the remaining ones.

Cocktails

Consul de Miguel met more of the Casino Español members at the cocktails hosted in his honor held in the upper part of the ornate Garcia mansion where the club is temporarily housed.

Antonio Brias, who is the honorary Spanish consul in Davao, was in attendance. So was Mayor **Tommy Osmeña**, who, earlier in the day, had shown Don Emilio his plans to set up a Spanish village in Cebu's South Reclamation Project.

Gema Pido, the club's food consultant, had prepared a spread of Spanish specialties like croquettes with aïoli sauce, tortilla de patatas, gambas, calamares, etc. Spanish wines from Valdepeñas, courtesy of **Gabriel Palmer**, flowed throughout the night.

Don Santiago Picornell, the only living witness to the opening of the Casino Español in 1920, came, still spry at 91 and observing how each waiter carried two bottles—one for the red wine and another for white.

Netherlands' Honorary Consul **Roberto Aboitiz** and Sweden's Honorary Consul **Jose Sala**, both in the Casino's building committee, were present, accompanied by their wives—**Marian Cabarrus-Aboitiz** and **Susan Montenegro-Sala**.

Also from the Consular Corps were Canada's **Robert** and **Anna Lee**, and UK Consul **Moya Jackson**, who was flattered when **Pascual Claperas** and **Carlos Malvido** mistook her for a Spanish girl.

Former Casino president for several terms **Jess Cuenco** was introduced as the man who started the new construction.

Others who were present included **Paqui Aboitiz** and her son Jon Aboitiz, **Quina Melendez**, **Julina Muertegui**, **Louie** and **Annie Aboitiz**, **Michel** and **Amparito Lhuillier** (he also served as president), **Teresing Mendezona** (whose late husband **Tony** was also once a Casino president) and **Glenn Loop** (another former president).

Anna Margarita Manguerra and her sister **Victoria Manguerra-Montilla** (her late husband **Eddie** was the Philippine Ambassador to New Zealand) came, escorted by lawyer **Rudy Perez**.

BOBBY Aboitiz and Louie Aboitiz

Also sighted were **Vivina Yrastorza**, **Herme** and **Fe Villarica**, **Jose Mari Miranda** (easily the best house chair the Casino ever had), **Manuel** and **Margot Larrañaga**, former director **Joe Utzurrum** and **Chinggay**, who took photos and are sharing them with us today.

Visioning workshop

Two weeks after Don Emilio de Miguel left, the Casino Español held a Visioning Workshop spearheaded by **Bunny Pages**. So were confirmed their attendance that the ballroom of the Marriott Hotel had to be rented for the whole-day event.

Ambrose Sanchez facilitated the workshop while **Bobby Aboitiz** gave a very well-explained rationale. **Rudy Rubi** and **Regina Bernaldez**, who are among the regular office staff, were also very much in evidence.

Discussions were spirited, but everyone agreed that the Casino Español de Cebu should uphold its cultural traditions.

A tell-tale sign is that the regular Saturday Spanish classes handled by **Ma. Pilar Escaño** have seen a surge of students eager to learn the language.

As a final grace note to the workshop, the committee in charge of creating "ambience" for Casino Español got Amparito Lhuillier as chairman—by a unanimous vote at that.

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Donna J. Stone

SEASON

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28 Druids, e.g.
29 Dither
31 NJ hours
32 Lhasa —
35 Lend a hand
36 Capone feature
39 "The Long, Hot Summer" actor
48 Cutup
49 College program
50 Bryn Mawr graduate
51 Mil. address
52 Fragrance
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56 Time for chores?
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60 Japanese honorific
62 Gridiron position
63 Time to give up
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72 "Summer of '49" author
77 "Bus Stop" playwright
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86 Aspin or Baxter
89 Leonard's "— Shorty"
91 Equestrians
93 Zones
95 Manuscript imperative
96 Yak
98 Columbus' birthplace
99 Faux —
100 Actress Kidman
102 Roomy garment (Var.)
104 Slap on
105 "Summer in the City" rockers
108 Head for the hills
109 Be in debt
110 Compassion
111 Citrus cooler
113 Okefenokee, for one
116 Soul
120 It multiplies by dividing
123 AAA handout
124 Donna Summer hit
130 Luau instrument
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132 Trick
133 Driving hazard
134 Singer Joe
135 Massachusetts city
136 Glasgow girl
137 Dash

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8 Without further delay
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10 Valueless
11 Skirt feature
12 Hellenic letters
13 Pullover part
14 Occult
15 Dylan's colleague
16 "Alphabet Song" gamut
17 Say it isn't so
19 "You — Me" ('57 hit)
24 Lucknow lute
25 Byzantine art form
30 Infamous Amin
32 Hold-up man?
33 Akhenaton, for one
34 Piglet's parent
35 Actress Sheridan
36 Emulated Ederle
37 Chocolate substitute
38 Where Athenians assembled
40 — Haven, CT
41 40 Down campus
42 Custard of Castile
43 Airplane feature
44 Lowell or Grant
45 Joyce Carol —
46 Exhausted
47 Major artery
49 It's tossed with sauce
53 Mbeki's predecessor
57 Pie —
59 Computer command
61 Pro-gun grp.
65 Bach's "Bist du bei —"
67 Diner order
69 Flavor enhancer
70 Night light?
73 Timothy of "Licence to Kill"
74 Implore
75 Polished
76 Do a mechanic's job
77 Out of place
78 Grammy winner Jones
79 Gaggle gals
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84 Disintegrate
87 "Sea Hunt" shockers
88 — aerobics
90 It has a lot of pull
92 "No Ordinary Love" singer
94 Winter vehicle
95 Part of B.S.
97 A/C measure
101 TV's "— Got a Secret"
102 Pond fish
103 Battle site of 1836
106 Actor Herbert
107 October birthstone
108 Weak
112 Pitcher Drabek
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114 Rouse
115 Summit
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117 In good order
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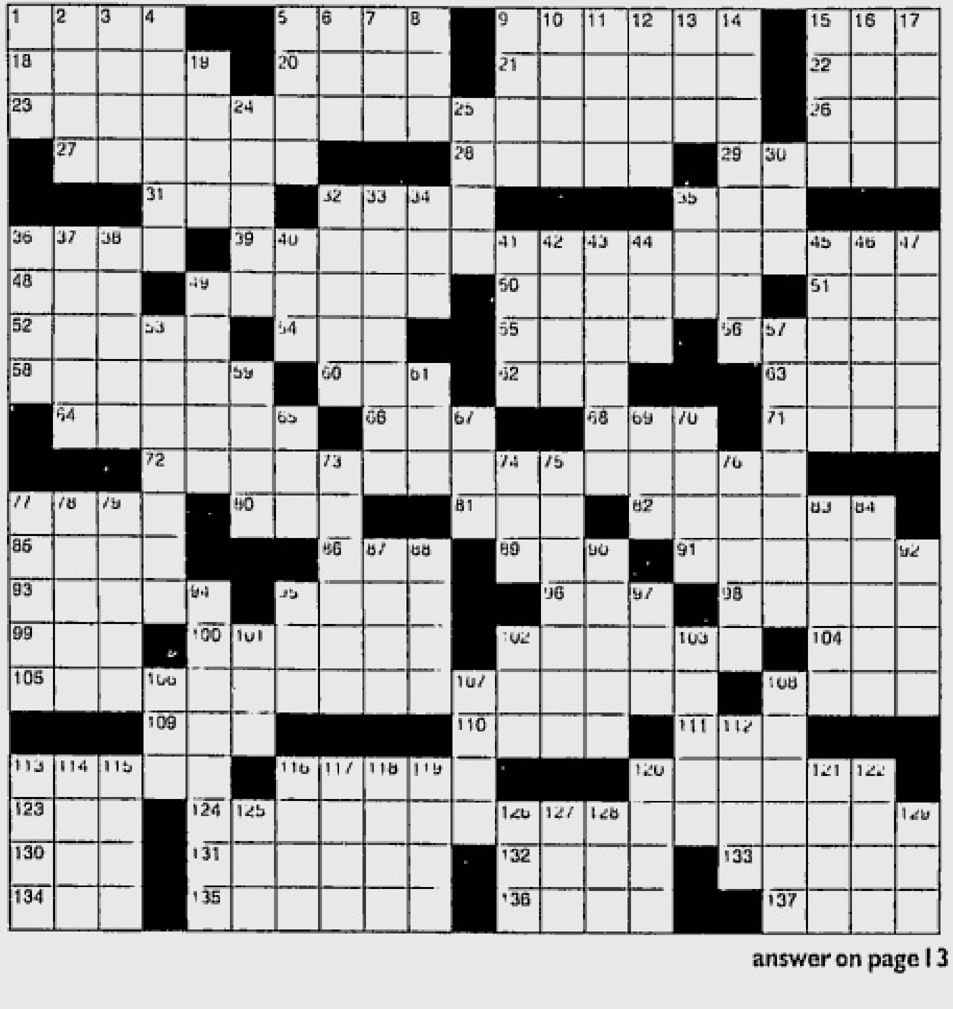

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Bargain baby things

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Baby Exchange is the new classified ads section of Baby Magazine and benefits both old and new parents.

It lists "used but not abused" baby and kiddie things that parents want to sell.

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Conference on children's literature

THE PHILIPPINE Board on Books for Young People (PBBY) will hold the first ever national conference on Philippine children's literature on Aug. 29-32 at the Holiday Inn Galleria Manila (formerly Galleria Suites).

The meeting will discuss the economic, social, political, creative and cultural issues on children's book publishing and reading in the Philippines.

Makati Rep. Teodoro Locsin, will keynote the conference.

All interested parties may register at the PBBY Secretariat c/o Adarna House, Rm. 102 JGS Bldg., Sct. Tuazon St., Bgy. Laging Handa, Quezon City 1103. Tel. 372-3548. Fee: P2,500.00 (covers meals and materials). Early registrants (on or before Aug. 18) will get a 10 percent discount.

NOÉ

Iconic bags now go with the mod woman's movements

LOUIS Vuitton reinterprets its famous Epi collection with a focus on new modernity.

Created in 1985, the Epi line is the distant and innovative heir of the *avoine* (oat) grained leather used in the 1920s by Louis Vuitton for its small leather goods.

Supple and sensual, the new version stands out with its soft, matte feel owing to the quality of the full-grain leather used.

KEEPALL

The four timeless models—Keepall, Sirius, Noé and Sac Plat—all have suppleness synonymous with the simple, agile and extremely easy movements of the women carrying the bags.

For this new line, a new bag is introduced. The Dhanura yoga bag has a leaf-shape profile and holds a washable yoga mat, with leather handles and snaps to keep it rolled up in the bag. Without the mat, Dhanura features two inner pockets, a padlock and a luggage tag, making it an ideal travel bag trimmed with double topstitching.

All models come in black, mocha, red and the newest color in the Epi palette—mandarin. And always with a two-tone effect obtained by a special dyeing process on the top of the grain, which highlights the discreet and elegant distinctiveness of Epi.

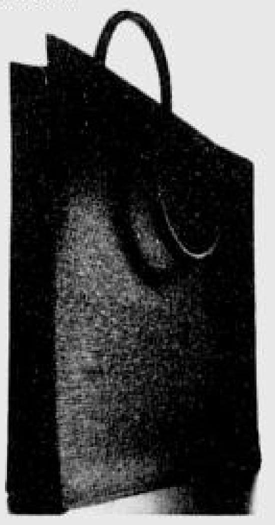
The Keepall started as a simple add-on bag kept in the bottom of the trunk, but eventually became the ultimate Louis Vuitton travel bag.

From a champagne holder in 1932, Noé has evolved into a purse-bag.

Invented in 1968, Sac Plat serves as both a briefcase and a handbag, with two inner pockets: one with a zipper, the other to hold a mobile phone.

The Sirius bag, created in 1985 with the lightness of a handbag, is shaped like a suitcase with a suitcase interior and contents.

In the Philippines, Louis Vuitton is located at the ground floor of 6750 Ayala Avenue, Makati City. For more information, on Louis Vuitton, visit the website www.vuitton.com.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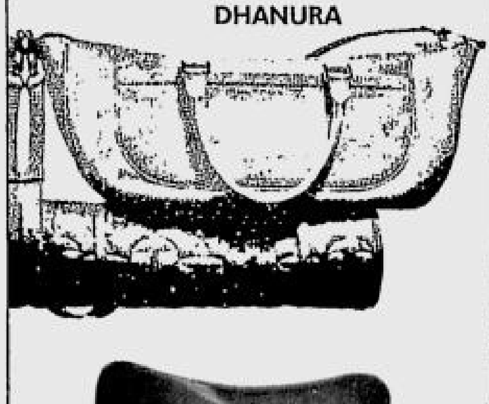
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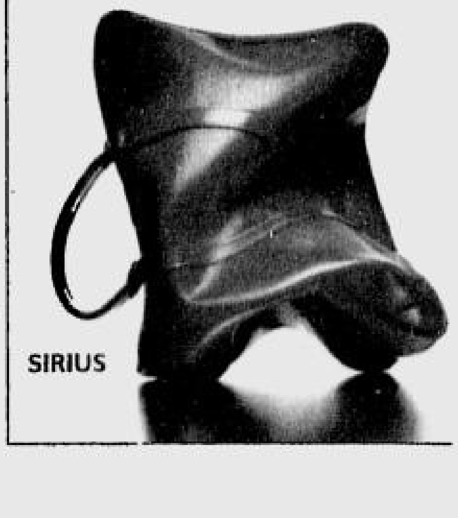
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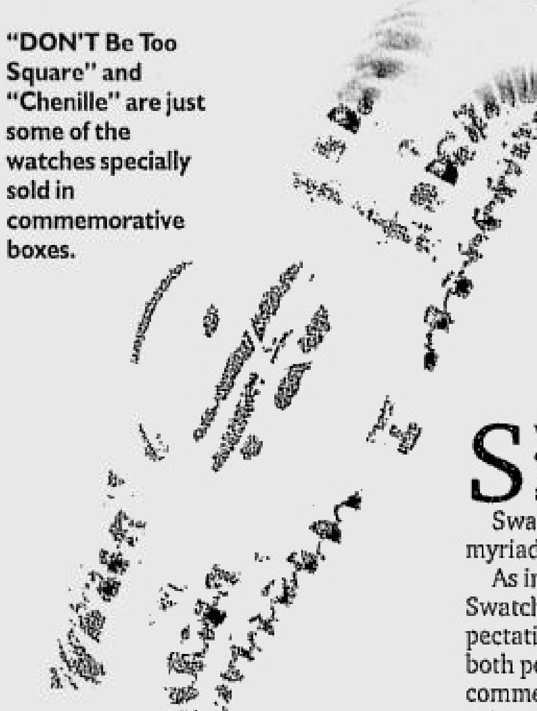
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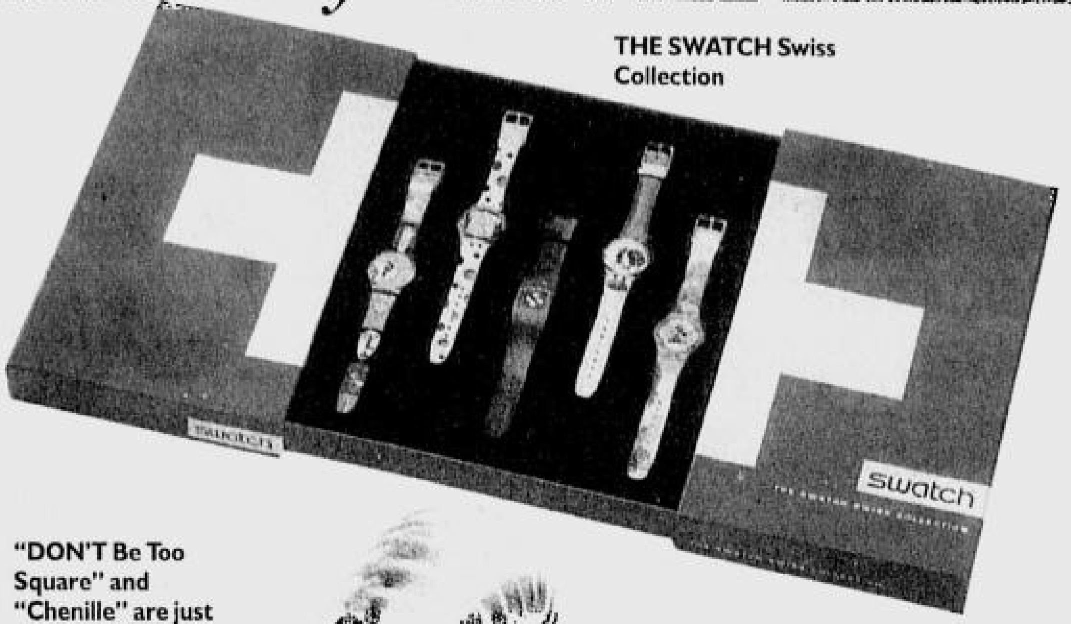
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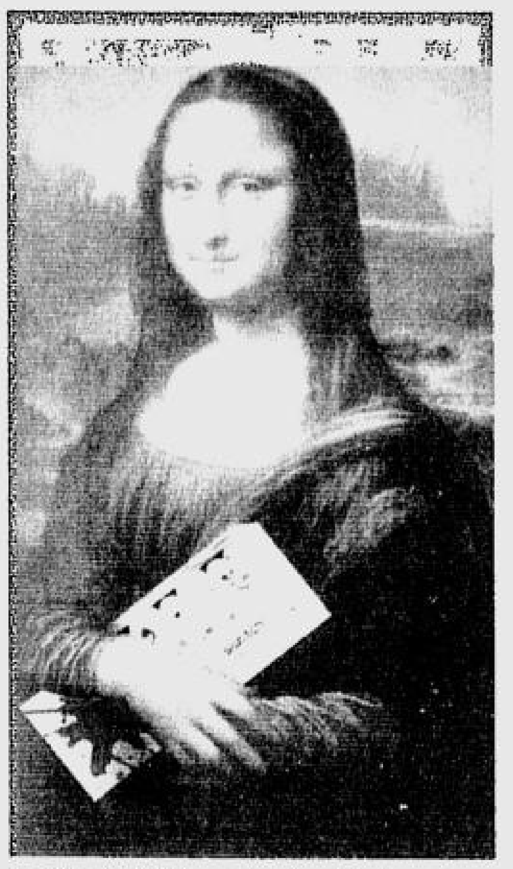
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Portrait of time

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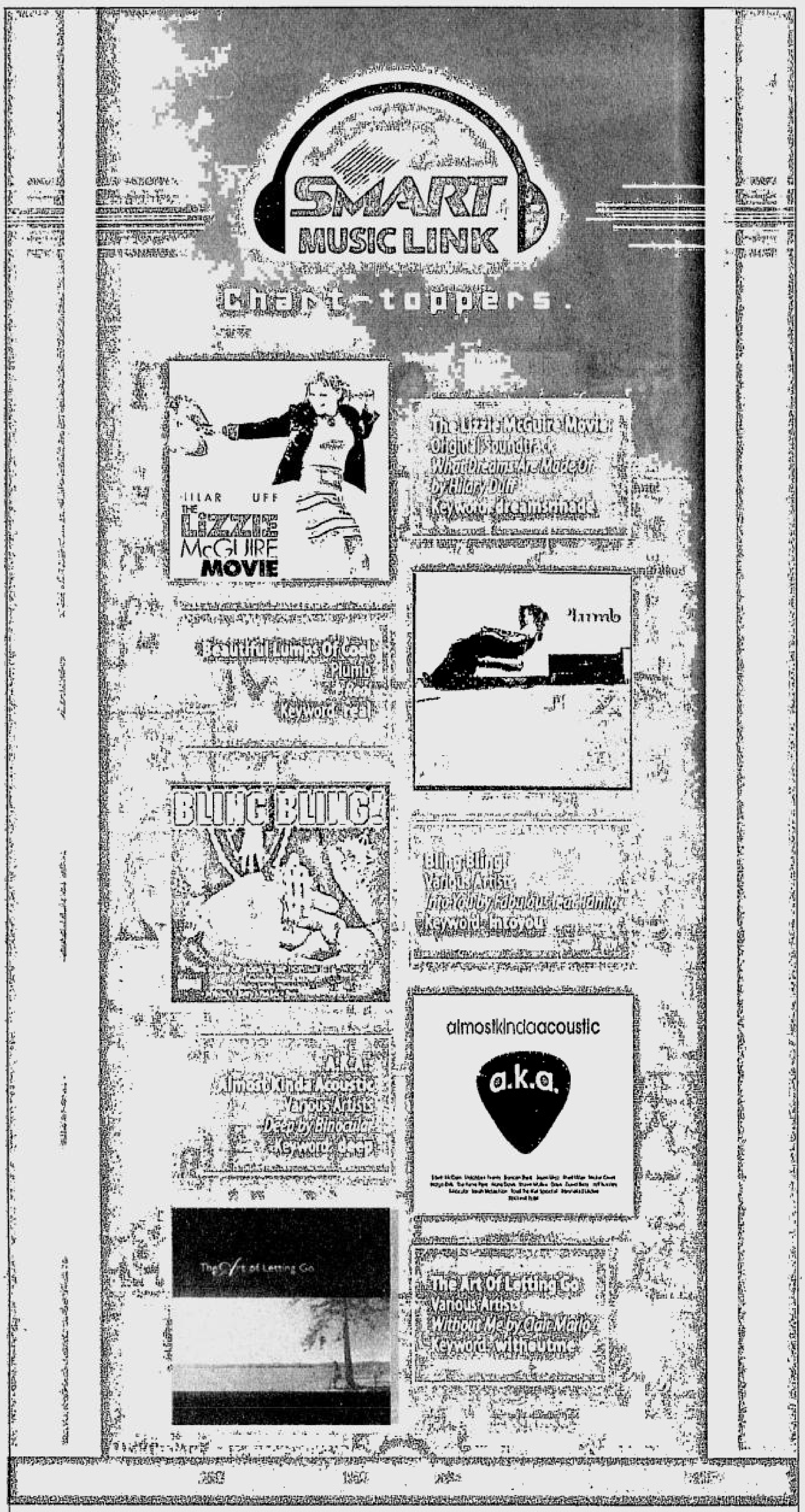

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Nyoy Volante
4 **Bigotilyo**
Parokya Ni Edgar
keyword: *yeshow*
5 **The Art Of Letting Go**
Various Artists
keyword: *withoutme*
keyword: *igetoveru*
6 **Break Barriers**
Various Artists
7 **Fantasy 4ever**
F4
8 **Meteor Garden II**
Original Soundtrack
9 **Let Me Be The One**
Jimmy Bondoc
10 **Waking Hour**
Vienna Teng
11 **Come Away With Me**
Norah Jones
12 **Dangerously In Love**
Beyoncé Knowles
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Regine Velasquez
20 **Round 2**
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tertaining, lively and full of surprises. Cris, a freshman at the Sarah Lawrence College, is taking a break from her studies to return to her first love, singing.

The guests were mostly VIPs such as **Anita Magsaysay Ho, Gretchen Cojuangco, Johnny Ponce Enrile, Tingting Cojuangco, Fernando** and **Kit Zobel**, who were all seen having a great time.

Cris has one of the purest and most angelic voices around. She sang classics from the '50s to the '90s and a couple of new songs from her launching album.

The emotional highlights of the night were when she sang "Smile," which made many of the women misty-eyed (especially **Doris Ho** and **Virgie Ramos**), and when she dedicated one of the songs to her hero, mom **Monique Villonco**.

We wish Cris all the best and congratulations on a wonderful concert debut!

E-mail the author at asd_world@hotmail.com

THE NEXT BIG STAR. Cris Villonco sings her heart out at her concert.

What are the similarities between your cellphone and your genitals?

SEX + INTIMACY and the Clinic

Antonio C. Sison, MD

Your cellphone is like your genitals. Your cellphone is for social contact, while your genitals are for sexual contact. Sometimes they may even come in the same size. However, unlike a cellphone that comes with an instructional manual on how it works, your genitals may sometimes just start to tingle, vibrate and ejaculate without your knowledge. Often you discover your genitals' potential for pleasures and sufferings by trial and error (after all, your parents did not tell you how to use your sexual organs).

So how does your "ari" work? Pioneering sex researchers William Masters and Virginia Johnson described a sequence of physiological responses to sexual stimulation. Collectively called the Human Sexual Response Cycle, it is made up of four phases: desire, excitement, orgasm and resolution.

The desire phase is "pagnanasa", characterized by having sexual fantasies and the desire to have sexual activity. The excitement phase is brought on by psychological stimulation (fantasy, phone sex, etc.), physiological stimulation (stroking, kissing, etc.), or a combination of the two. It involves physiological responses such as erection of the penis for men, and enlargement of the clitoris for women.

The orgasm phase is the peak of sexual pleasure with the release of sexual tension often called "ruruk ng kaligayahan" or "sukdulan". The resolution phase is where the body is brought back to its resting state, when there is muscular relaxation and a general sense of well-being.

However, sexual gratification is elusive for some couples. And this lack of "libog" may affect other aspects of a relationship, as well as the physical health of a couple.

The case of the Filipino couple with no "libog": Confronting the problem

Because of stress at work, Mr. L's blood pressure was frequently high, so he decided to consult his internist. The internist emphasized the need for relaxation and better stress management. When Mr. L admitted that he was also having problems with his marriage, the internist suggested that consulting a psychiatrist might help.

Mr. L was reluctant. Why would he need a psychiatrist? Was he crazy? His internist reassured him that he was not crazy, but he certainly needed to learn relaxation techniques. Mr. L's fear of his hypertensive episodes and the increased risk for complications was greater than his fear of consulting a psychiatrist.

During my evaluation of Mr. L, issues related to his high blood pressure were discussed, including his relationships. When he was hesitant to talk about his relationship with his wife I saw a red flag. Sexual history is part of the evaluation, and if questions on sex were asked in a direct and non-judgmental manner, it should make the patient comfortable. With Mr. L's medical background and social history, I suspected that there might be sexual difficulties.

For the first time in his life Mr. L admitted that he had an erection problem. Since it had started he was often short-tempered and irritable, but the worst part was that he felt "inutil". I explained to him that his problem was most likely treatable and that I just needed to do additional laboratory work-ups (especially on his testosterone levels), review his medications, and review his alcohol and drug abuse history. I told him that we had to determine factors that might be affecting his ability to get an erection, and from there determine the strategies on how to help him.

I informed him that his treatment plan would most likely include relaxation techniques and further work-up for his erection problem. And because I suspected that his wife would also need some psychological support, I said that when he is ready, a session with her would be very helpful.

To know more about erectile dysfunction and the newest available treatment, consult your doctor or call 1-800-1-888-2436 (Mondays through Saturdays from 7am to 7pm, Sundays from 7am to 4pm). You may also send an email to cialishelpline@lilly.com or go to www.cialis.com.ph. Should you have comments, questions, suggestions or other issues you want to talk about, you can email them to cialishelpline@lilly.com.

Dr. Antonio C. Sison trained in Psychiatry at the UP-PGH and Psycho-Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He is a consultant at St. Luke's Medical Center, Medical City, Capitol Medical Center and Manila Doctors Hospital. He often lectures on sexuality issues relating to medical and psychiatric illness.

Sunday LIFESTYLE
Weddings & Engagements

NEWLYWEDS Jojo and Trina Oledan

OLEDAN-VIVAR NUPTIALS

Groom's mother turns bride into a 'princess'

By Maurice Arcache

FOURTEEN long years of courtship finally ended in a memorable and intimate wedding last Saturday for handsome businessman Jojo Oledan and British Airways executive, attractive head-turner Trina Vivar.

The bride, dahlings, looked regal as a princess in an ethereal Inno Sotto creation with two diamond-studded antique headpieces from the mother of the groom, the grand dame of the Gem Brigade and the favorite jeweler of cosmo-Manille's *alta sociedad*, Liding Miranda Oledan, no less.

Trina glided down the aisle on the arm of her father, businessman Delfin Vivar Jr., while the world-renowned UP Singing Ambassadors gave everyone goosebumps at the Santuario de San Antonio in posh Forbes Park with their rendition of "Faithful and True."

Powerhouse 'cast'

Witnessing the nuptial officiated by Fr. Tony Rosales were the specially chosen principal sponsors led by Liding O's bosom pal, the former First Lady, glamorous Imelda Romualdez Marcos; mega successful businessman and restaurateur Vic-Vic Villavicencio; Cebu-based tycoon, Norberto "Tootsie" Quisumbing of Norkis fame and his glamorous and elegant wife, Britta Q.; and popular former Philippine Airlines captain Ruben Aquino with Ma. Cristina Agustin. The ladies were draped in elegant powder blue gowns and the gents were in smart tuxedos.

The secondary sponsors consisted of popular businessman Raymond John Moreno and Annalise V. Papa, daughter of one of our favorite representatives from the South, Edith Villanueva; Mao Llige, who jetted in from California just for this wedding, and British Airways' Maricel Anastacio; and the groom's cousin, John Limjoco, with one of the bride's best pals, Dinah Pleyto.

Jojo's super adorable niece, Alessanda Oledan Rodriguez, was the flower girl. She was accompanied by cutie-pie Raphael Oledan, who carried the rings and antique arraeh. The bride's pretty younger sister, Jijay V., was maid of honor. Best man was Monty Papa.

Throughout the ceremony, the church, decorated with blue and white hydrangeas, roses and other gorgeous flowers by Mabolo's Antonio Garcia, reverberated with the inspiring voices of the fabi choir.

Garden paradise

The Rizal ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La was venue for the excellent and sumptuous dinner reception. It was transformed into a garden paradise with roses, hydrangeas, gerbera daisies and mums, complete with waterfalls, by top florist Toni Parsons.

Welcoming the 150 guests were the families of the bride and groom, led by our gal, Linda Oledan, who did a fantastic job ensuring the exquisite execution of the whole event. "I'll need two weeks of complete rest after this. This is like it was my wedding. I'm completely exhausted and drained," she told us.

Jojo's sister jetted in from abroad, and we zoomed in on the gorgeous mom-to-be, tall, elegant Tess Oledan Liptavat, who was with her dashing husband, mega Thai businessman mover and shaker, Sulphatr L., as well as on the groom's brother Boy and his wife Leila O., who were with their children, good-looking Dino and Isabella. They were with the whole Oledan clan, dazzling in their renowned, breathtaking diamonds, *naturellement*.

The clan included Ric O. and his wife, sultry Verni Varga;

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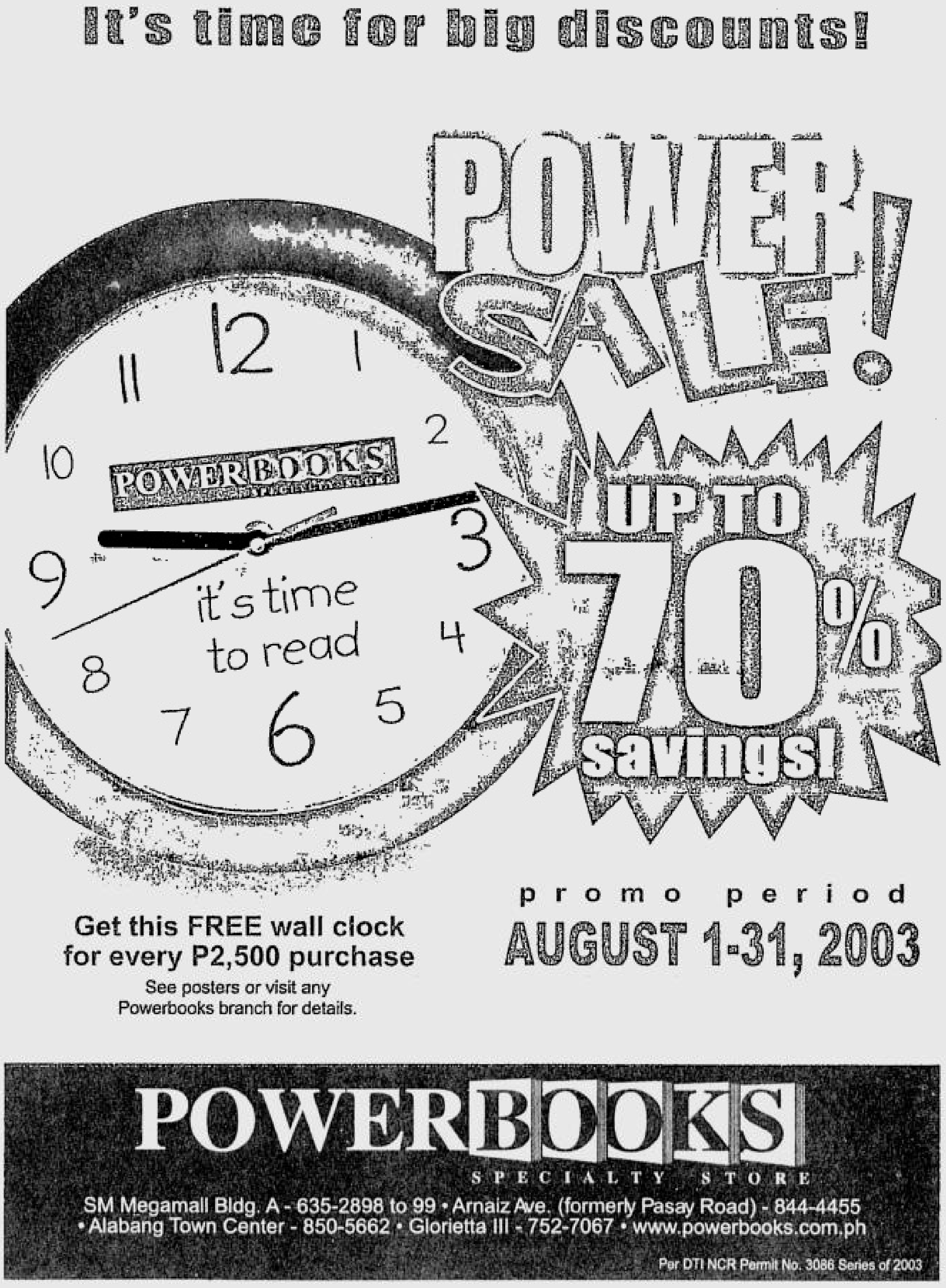

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Wife loses interest in sex

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Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

Recently, my wife declared that she had lost interest in sex. She stopped engaging in marital intimacies, but still wanted us to be together because of our two kids.

I am only in my early 40s. I have needs that she cannot meet. What should I do?

BERNARD

I'm afraid, my dear, that you sound like you are more interested in satisfying your needs than in finding out why your wife can't or won't meet them. The question to ask, I believe, is, "Why is my wife behaving that way?" By trying to answer that you show that you care for her and for your marriage. She may be a victim of the situation as much as you are.

There are many possible reasons for your wife's behavior. If she has not been too concerned lately about making herself attractive or does not spend an inordinate amount of time outside the house or has not been secretive about phone calls and messages, I'd immediately rule out the possibility that she's seeing another man.

It is possible that she is in pre-menopausal stage. This is usually marked by irregularity in menstruation and physical discomforts like hot flushes. Hormonal changes during menopause could lead to emotional and behavioral changes like loss of interest in sex. To find out if menopause is causing your wife's behavior, encourage her to consult her gynecologist.

Consider also the possibility that she is disinterested not in sex but in the way you approach sex. Ask yourself: Have you been conducting your marital intimacies with her in pretty much the same way since your wedding night? Have you become too direct and business-like about it? If so, then introduce some variation and a lot of romance in it.

It is possible, too, that she is really disinterested in you. Perhaps, you've neglected your looks, or you're no longer intellectually challenging, or you've become an irresponsible or indifferent provider and leader of your family. Keep in mind that when sex is no longer a novelty to the spouse, what keeps her or him interested in it is not so much the act as the partner or, more specifically, the character of the partner.

We are blessed to have saved our marriage through Retrouvaille (French for rediscovery), a Catholic healing ministry that offers hope to hurting marriages. It helped us pick up the pieces and rebuild a loving relationship.

The Retrouvaille program consists of a live-in weekend, from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon, and six follow-up Sunday afternoon sessions during which couples are helped to reestablish communication and gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple.

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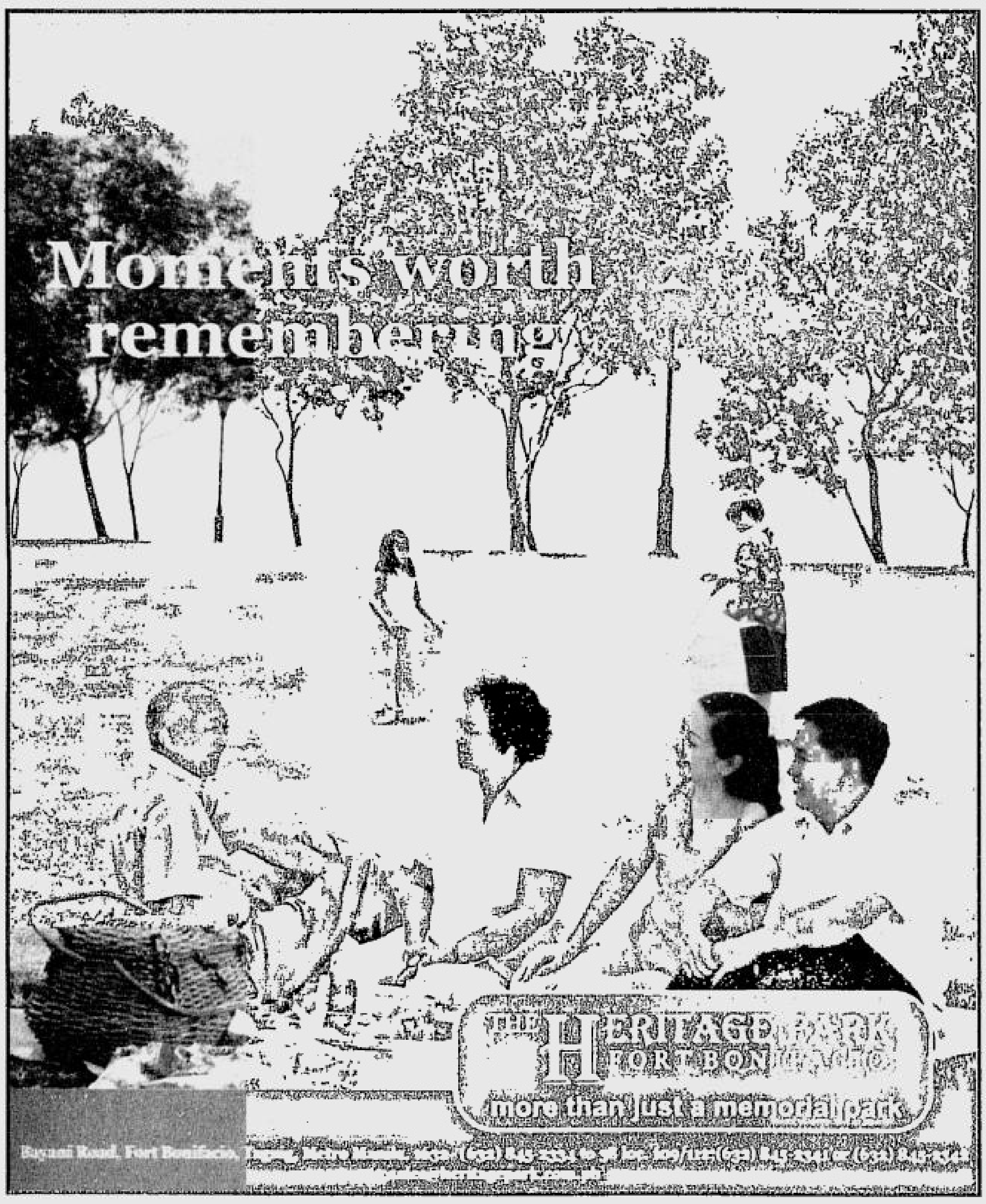
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Spirit of '67 concert helps Guadalupe church in Negros

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

THE BEAUTIFUL people of Negros recently paid P300 a ticket to attend a concert to raise funds to build new pews for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Valladolid, Negros Occidental, 45 minutes away from Bacolod.

Featuring the famous Spirit of '67 showband, the concert was held at the Bacolod Convention Plaza on a Saturday evening, with more than 700 people in the audience.

To quote Anna Balcelles, "if dancing were a prayer," then this was it. It had both a physical and spiritual energy, she said. The crowd came to help a church, but they also helped themselves to the pulsating, vibrating energy that only the sounds of the '60s, '70s and '80s could evoke.

Oh, they danced, gyrated, let go for three hours (with a break of 10 minutes in between). And the energy was simply intoxicating. Everybody had fun and felt good that they would be helping Fr. Alfredo Gamarcha, parish priest of Valladolid, and the Filipino Mission Society, another beneficiary.

My hosts, Quinito and Christine Sarabia Heras, brought me to the concert where I saw friends like Adrian Lizares and his sister Marissa, Ernest Baker and Minette Javellana-Sison. Here I saw how the Negrenses could really have fun.

The band members—Candy Dizon, Bimbo Santiago, Jake Arellano, Pocholo Santiago and Johny Velasquez, all belonging to Ateneo HS Class '67—and their female vocalist Mazo gave their all to the concert.

Seven years ago, Dr. Christine Sarabia-Heras was given a prayer leaflet to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Melody Cayabyab, sister of Ryan Cayabyab, and was told that there was a church in Valladolid dedicated to Our Lady under this title.

Christine went one day but found the church dark, dirty and neglected.

At the back of the old church is the Tepeyac Hill House of Prayer where one could find the icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which was donated by devotee Dr. Raul Fores. The place was actually the old altar cut off from the main church, and here people come to light candles and pray to Our Lady.

Twice a month, Christine would go to the church to bring flowers for the altar. She also told her sister, Tima Sarabia-Lacson, wife of former Bacolod Governor Bitay Lacson, about the church.

Tima had a loose group of friends who came together to fundraise for worthy causes every now and then. The idea to help the church came up, and with it the inspiration to feature the Spirit of '67 in a concert.

Sponsors were also asked to help, like Cebu Pacific, the new Pagcor, Smart Buddy, San Miguel Corporation and Bacolod convention Plaza.

Working very hard from day one to get sponsors and sell tickets were Luluday Villanueva, Analou Lizares-Trebol, Millie Kilayko, Tima Lacson, Girl Cuayong, Chona Flores, Marlene Monfort, Mady Golez, Estela Lacson, former Congresswoman Edith Villanueva, Dr. Christine Heras and Antonio Araneta.

The group was able to sell 700 tickets, but I think more than that number came. Visitors from Manila included Jean Salvador, Nini Valdez and their friends. People from nearby Iloilo also came to lend support.

The day we went to the church in Valladolid, we found carpenters cleaning the pews and removing *anay*. The church already smelled fresh, said Christine. The repair of the pews was spearheaded by Olivia Yanson.

The Recollect missionaries founded the parish of Valladolid, formerly known as Inabuyan, in 1852. Nobody knows where the original image is now. A six-foot image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the left side of the altar was donated by Violeta Yanson-Domingo. A smaller statue donated by Milagros Jomalesa in the 1970s is enshrined on the other side.

Fr. Gamarcha intends to have the church fully restored. With the help of devotees and faith in God's grace, this could be done.

Those who want to help can write Fr. Alfredo Gamarcha at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Valladolid, Negros Occidental or text Christine Heras at 0917-3358078.

Isabelinas of Naga gather for reunion

Alumni of the Unibersidad de Sta. Isabel in Naga belonging to the Metro Manila chapter will gather for a reunion on Aug. 23 at 2 p.m. at the Makati Sports Club to mark the 130th anniversary of the school, the first Normal school for girls founded in 1867 in the Bicol region.

Spearheading the Manila-based chapter are Ming Villafuerte-Bernas, Nelly Lahora-Martires, Ming Santiago-Jacinto, Jean Tabora and Malu Raneses-Raval.

Class representatives are Zeny Bihis, Consuelo Gonzales, Star Alvarez-Gamo, Lolita Zarate, Elvie Prieto-Siongco, Tess Solon-Poblador, Pilo Sioson-Torrado, Leonor Aureus Arce, Sylvia Bagadion, Tita Agravante-Go, Cynthia Rosales Aguila, Teresa Torres Valera and Mendotte Cledera Acosta, with Lourdes Mayor and Virginia Rey as advisers.

Those who wish to attend may call Ming Bernas at 8237837. Teresita Onojado Llagas, alumni president, will be a special guest.

Paco parish is 404 years old

The San Fernando de Dilao parish, which honors the Lord of the Holy Sepulchre, will turn 404 years old during its fiesta on Aug. 24. The theme of the fiesta is "Ang Mabuting Pamilya... Tungo sa Buhay na Parokya."

Novena Masses began last Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m. and will end on Aug. 23. Mass presiders will be Msgr. Roberto Canlas, Aug. 20; Fr. Genaro Diwa, Aug. 21; Msgr. Clemente Ignacio, Aug. 22; Msgr. Domingo Cirilos, Aug. 23; and Bishop Soc Villegas, Aug. 24 at 7 a.m. Procession is at 5 p.m.

In charge of altar décor is Sol Alturas Yu of the Catholic Women's League.

Pilgrim visits of Our Lady of Manaoag

The pilgrim image of Our Lady of Manaoag is going around Metro Manila. Its schedule is as follows: Our Lady of Loreto parish in Bustillos, Sampaloc—Aug. 17 to 24; St. Francis of Assisi College System in Las Piñas—Aug. 24 to 31; Mary Help of Christians parish in Juan Luna St., Maypajo, Caloocan—Aug. 31 to Sept. 7.

Our Lady of Pentecost

When I attended the birthday mass of Bishop Rolando Tirona, I met for the first time in 20 years Fr. Miguel Paez.

He was a dear friend from the past when he was a talented fashion designer, but God called him 18 years ago to serve as a priest.

Fr. Mike brought me to his parish after lunch and showed me his miraculous image of Our Lady of Pentecost. He told me how so many people have been helped when they prayed to the Virgin, holding her hands.

If you wish to visit Our Lady of Pentecost, call Fr. Mike at 7912680 or 7911416. The Holy Spirit parish of which he is pastor is located at Malolos Heights Subd., Alido, Malolos, Bulacan.

Trip to Marian shrine

This year is Rosary Year as announced by the Vatican. As a culminating activity, the Daughters of Mary Immaculate are arranging a pilgrimage tour that will leave on Sept. 28 and cover Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Spain, Italy and France. Msgr. Honesto Ongtioco, D.D. is the pilgrimage chaplain.

Not only will their trip cover the principal pilgrimage centers of Rome, Monte Cassino, La Sallette, Zaragoza, Lourdes and Paray Le Monial, but also the beautiful tourist sites of Europe such as Vienna, Salzburg, Neuschwanstein Castle, Bavaria, Venice, Lucerne, Barcelona, Paris and London.

Meanwhile, Baby Nebrida, founder and president of Mary's Army Save Souls and who led the Marian fluvial parade in New York, and Dr. Carmencita Yap, chairperson of God the Father of All Mankind Movement, will accompany a combined touristic and pilgrimage tour leaving Sept. 5 for Russia, Prague and Poland.

The trip is timed for the celebration of the Feast of the Virgin Mary's Nativity in St. Petersburg, Russia, which is incidentally celebrating its 300th anniversary.

In Prague, the pilgrims will visit the church where the Sto. Niño is revered, and the Church of Loreto where, according to legend, the Sacred Family's house in Nazareth was transported to.

Those interested in both tours may call Adam's Express Travel at 5211638/51.

THE VIVAR clan

THE ENTIRE Oledan famille

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Groom's mother turns bride into a 'princess'

Wedding sponsors and guests included two former First Ladies

WITH Su Pat Liptavat and wife Tess O.; Liding Oledan and Imelda Marcos

WITH CLOSE pals Justa Tantoco and Sen. Loi Ejercito

THE GANG of Three. Tina Tinio with Marivic Pineda and Carissa Coscolluela

SOUTHERN belle. Pinky Oledan, Diding Jison, Maridel Villavicencio, Ana Oledan and Maricris Floirendo Brias

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super fun Pinky O.; business excutive Gabby O. and his wife, alabaster beauty Mara Villasor Oledan. The main head-turner of the affair—aside from the dazzling jewelry, natch!—was definitely cucumber cool Tingting Cojuangco, who looked fabulous in her new shorter let-love haircut, making everyone take a second admiring look at her.

The Vivar *famille* arrived in full force. Jun V., the bride's only brother and United Laboratories' super asset, gave a touching speech to welcome the groom into their *famille*. All the bride's attractive sisters, Raquel V., Cherry Martinez and Twiggy Santos and their husbands—Walter M. and Richard S.—entertained the guests who were truly those nearest to the couple.

Clearly having a great time was the bride's eldest sister, Cecille Brain, who jetted in from chi-chi Connecticut with her husband David B., and who rocked the floor till way past 1 a.m., dahlings.

The hip set was headed by brilliant workaholic and Tourism Secretary Dick Gordon's girl Friday, charming royalette Clarissa Oledan Coscolluela with her beau, good-looking Ferdie Hernandez; retail whiz kids Duty Free Philippines general manager Michael Kho and southern sugar baron Michael James Chua; Shu Uemura's vibrant Tina Tinio; and Rustan's newest asset, Dino Tantoco Pineda, with his tall, dusky, beautiful wife, Marivic Poblador P.

Fun crowd

Close by was the fun pack of top young chef Marc Licaros and super attractive southern belle, adorable Allana Montelibano; popular gent Noel de la Merced, businessman Les Romero, newlyweds Vincent and Mia Dragon Floirendo, Manoy Llige, John Cu-Unjieng and Sofia Ojeda Llige.

Jojo's pals from the prestigious BMW company came in full, up-scale car force: vice president for sales Mario Gloria; Benedict Llana, Carlos Ereneta, Francis Fernandez, Jonathan Estrella, Luke Flores, Dino Montinola, Lizel Morito, Leann Rosete, Joboy Panlilio, Jun Marucot, Jeanette Torres, Doris Pastoriza and Arvin Macaya.

Having fun on the dance floor, dahlings, were Vic-Vic V's first lady, Maridel V., La Infanta Bibing Montelibano Villanueva, southern belle Trining Lacson, popular Irene Martel Francisco, Linda O's beau Boy Katigbak, working heiress Raissa Hechanova Posados, bakery queen Saddie Andrada and photographer Belinda Siew.

Needless to say, cosmo Manille's old-guard was also out in full force that night, lending glitter to the low-key, elegant event. There were former First Lady now Sen. Loi Estrada, with well-loved couple Mon and Justa Tantoco; brilliant lawyer James Linn; tycoon Don Antonio Floirendo with his nice, vivacious wife Nenita F. and daughters, well-known photographer Marissa F. and hard-working Maricris F; Brias, Mundy and Zita Feliciano; Ambassador Manuel Yan and Eloy Y.; glamorous philanthropist Imelda Cojuangco, with her sister Carmencita, and Edmundo Reyes; Rudy and his favorite flower, beautiful Yasmin Cuenca; elegant Lorna Laurel; Melinda Orosa; P.L. and Madeleine Lim; super pals forever Lulu Tinio, Sonia Mathay, Andy and Tereret Tambunting Liboro; attractive Letty Santos; Chita Yap; fun-fun Baby Magsaysay; and the popular Ejercito sisters—Marita, Pat, with husband Raul de Guzman, and Pilarica.

It was truly a glittering event, blending true solemnity, taste and elegance.

To Jojo and Trina Oledan, may you have a dazzling life forever.

Cheers, *palanggas*.

MOTHER of the groom Liling Oledan with Trina and Jojo and Delfin Vivar, father of the bride

WITH SPONSOR tycoon Norberto Quisumbing and wife Britta

THE GANG: Jun Bahijon, Rodney Yu, Elen Javier and Leonard Villalon

SUPER buddies. Jojo with his best man Monty Papa

TRUE love. Carissa Coscolluela with her constant escort Ferdie Hernandez

ELEGANT eyecatchers. Bibing Montelibano Villanueva and Tess Oledan Liptavat

TRIPLE V's royals. Vic Vic Villavicencio and wife Maridel

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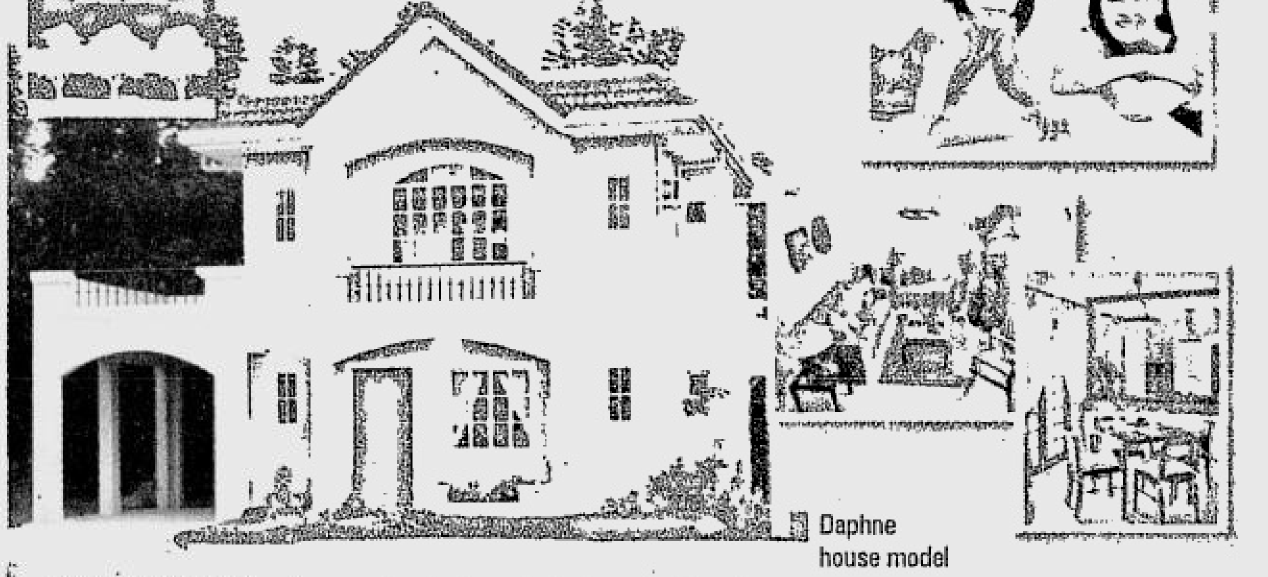

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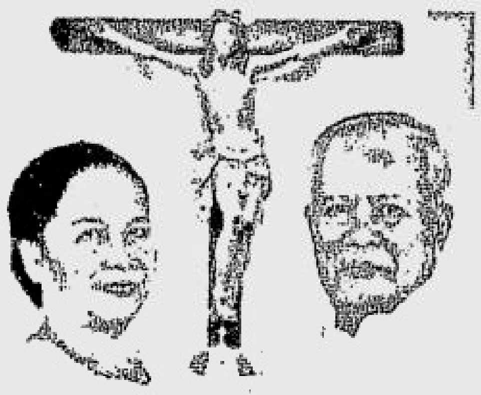
ALCALA-CORRAL

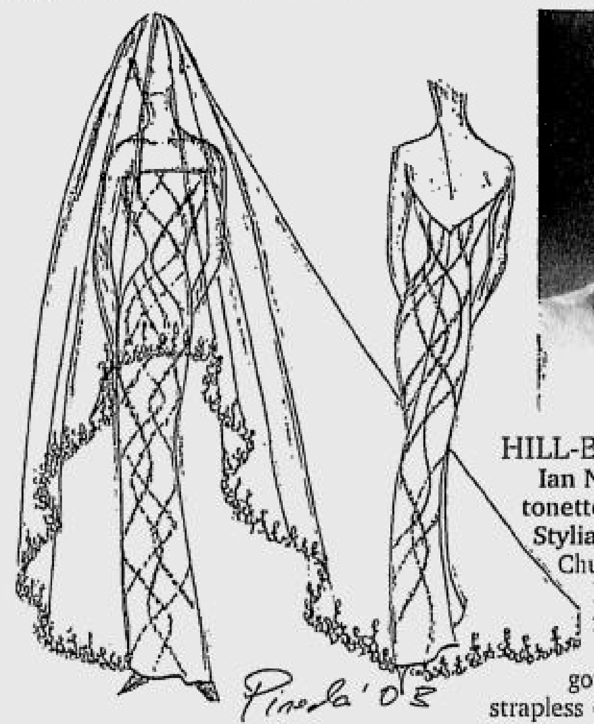
Alistair M. Alcala tied the knot with **Ivee A. Corral** on Aug. 8 at the Redemptorist Church, Bajada, Davao City. Reception followed at Grand Menseng Hotel, Magallanes St., Davao City.

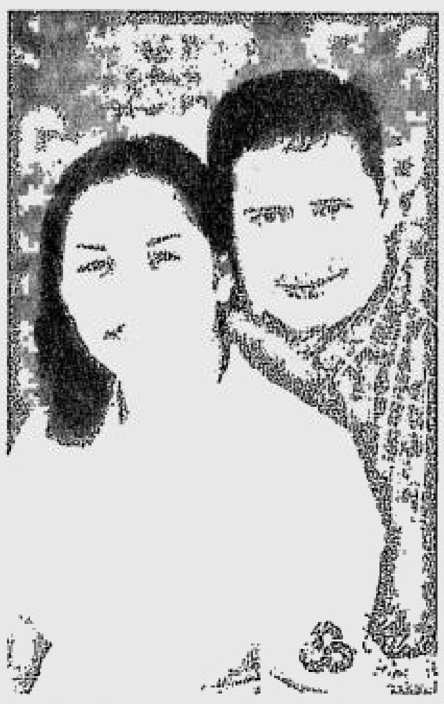
The bride wore an off-white duchess satin tube dress embroidered, beaded and hand-painted in dainty floral patterns of blush pink by Edgar Buyan of Godiva.



GARCIA GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Gervacio and **Julita Garcia** of West Covina, California, USA, renewed their marital vows on June 21 as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, West Triangle, Quezon City. Reception was held at Jade Valley Restaurant, Timog Avenue, Quezon City.





PADILLA-MACALINAO

Francis Padilla, son of **Fernando** and **Aurora Padilla**, will marry **Melody Macalinao**, daughter of **Daniel** and **Aurelia Macalinao**, on Sept. 6 at St. Joseph Parish Church, San Jose, Batangas.

HILL-BONIFACIO

Ian Neil Hill tied the knot with **Mary Antonette Bonifacio**, daughter of **Aurora Stylianov**, on Aug. 14 at the St. Barnabas Church, Limasol, Cyprus. Reception followed at the Mediterranean Hotel, Limasol.

Eric Pineda designed the bride's gown using ivory duchess satin. The strapless column was traced with caviar beads and faux pearls accented with *sigay* shells, mother of pearl and Swarovski crystals. A veil of illusion tulle featured vine leaf "*cadenete*" embroidery held by floral-shaped crystal pins.

VINLUAN DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

Col. and Ms **Antonio S. Vinluan**, AFP (Ret.), will mark their diamond wedding anniversary on Sept. 4. Actual celebration will be held on Dec. 6 to coincide with the 84th birthday of Col. Vinluan (Dec. 2) and the 82nd birthday of Ms Vinluan, the former **Veronica Arevalo** (Dec. 23). There will be a thanksgiving Mass to be held at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius, Camp Aguinaldo, followed by a buffet-dinner dance at the Camp Aguinaldo Officers Club.

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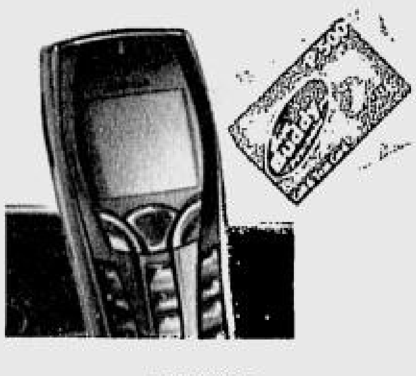

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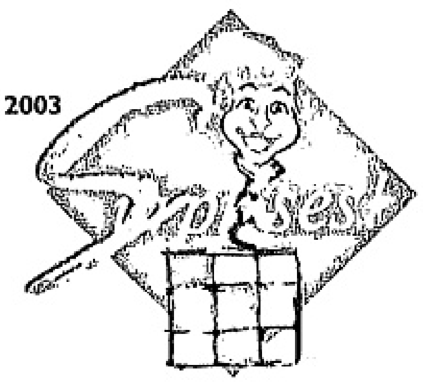

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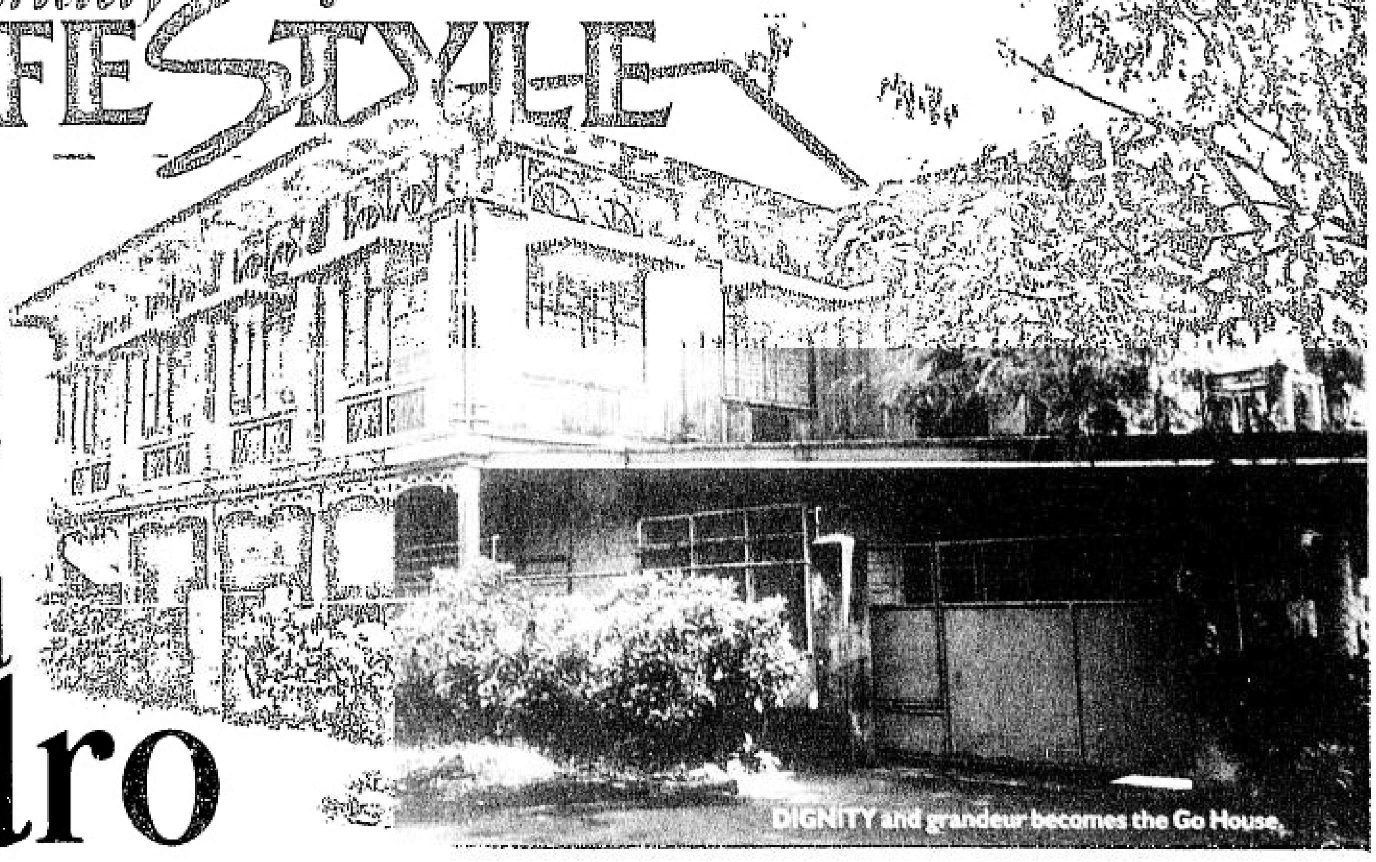

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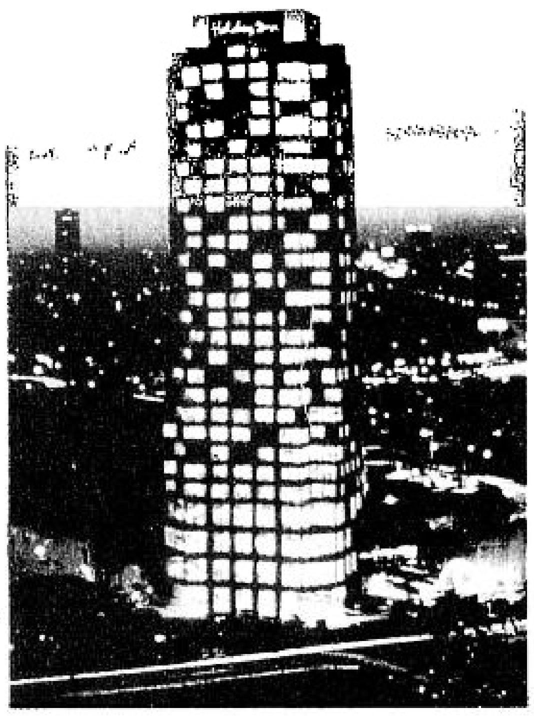

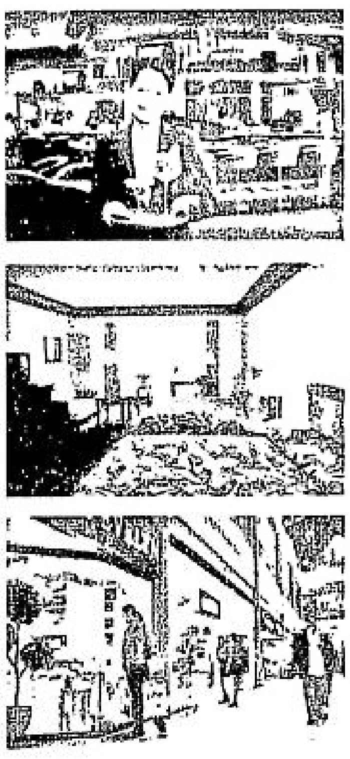

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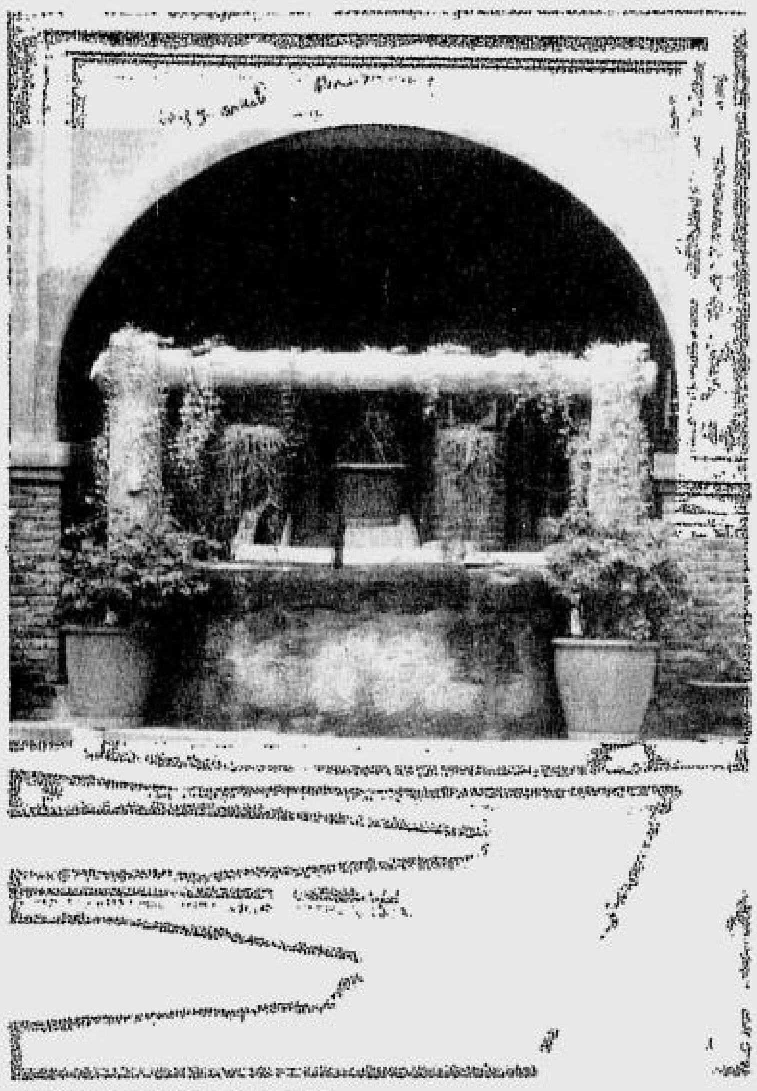
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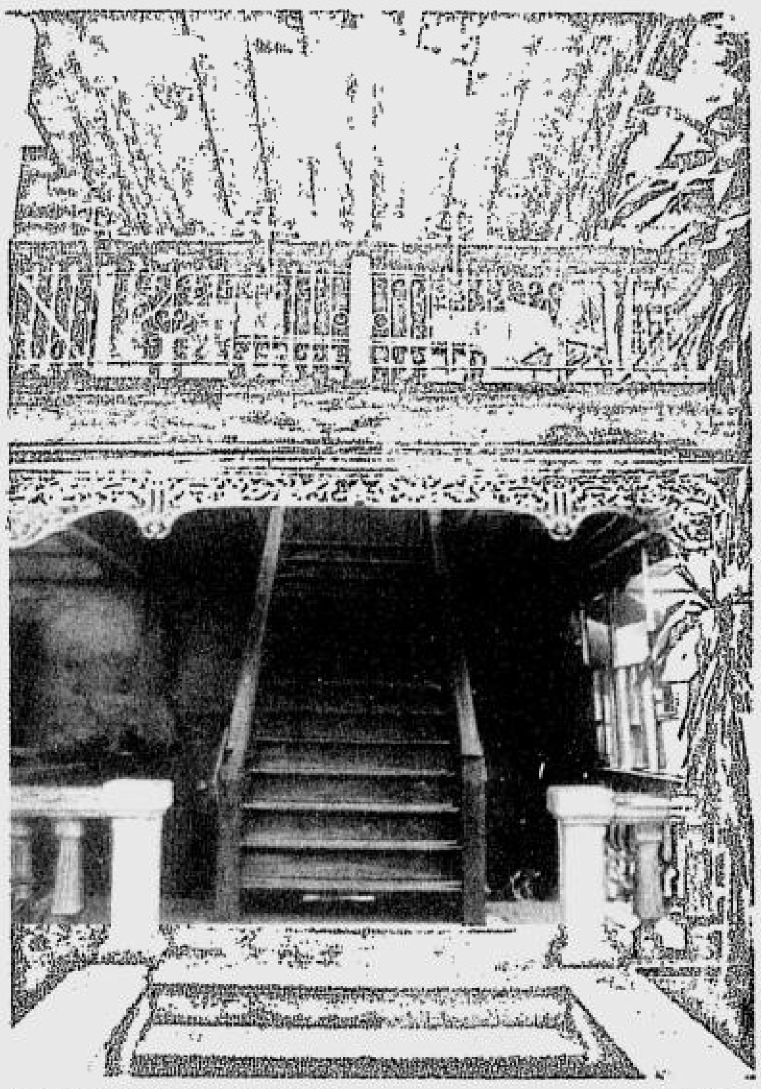
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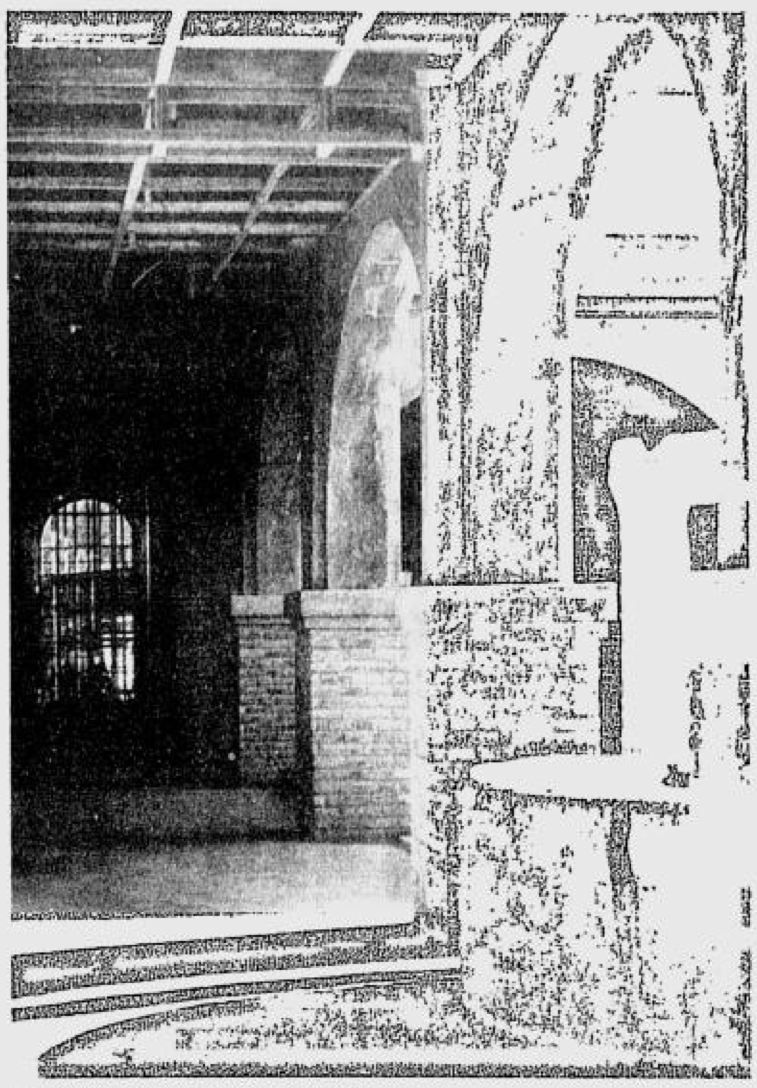

COLONNADE under restoration

Heritage structures take their stand in San Isidro

Text by Constantino C. Tejero
Photos by Mandy Navasero and Cheche Moral

The province that was one of the first to stand up to the Spaniards and the Americans is facing up to the challenge of change and progress

AFTER THE EYES have gotten used to neat gardens and well-appointed mansions—such as the white house of civil engineer, entrepreneur and contractor Namer Fernandez and wife Marites—one is mildly surprised to see old structures dotting the *poblacion* of San Isidro, Nueva Ecija.

More surprising are their number, how relatively well-preserved they are, how their owners practice adaptive reuse—and we never realized there was so much history here!

There are the Sideco House at P. Carmen cor Vallarta Streets; Paez House at Vallarta cor J.P. Rizal; Castelo House on J.P. Rizal; Go House on P. Carmen; Tinio Ancestral House at J.P. Rizal cor Policarpio, and another Tinio House on P. Carmen; Santos House on J.P. Rizal.

Most of these ancestral houses are located on J.P. Rizal Street, usually the name of the main street of any Philippine town. The street is now the Gapan-Olongapo Highway.

Sideco House is one of the oldest and most well-preserved. Though it has been repainted and the furniture are of recent vintage, its successive owners have retained the elaborate architectural detailing.

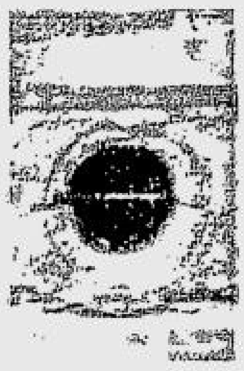
While hiding from the Americans, Emilio Aguinaldo and his men resided in this house for over five months, before fleeing to Isabela. With the general and his troops entrenched in San Isidro, the town became the capital of the Philippines at that time.

Governor-General Wright and Col. Frederick Funston had also stayed in this house.

Interesting case

Relatively newer is Paez House, built in 1929. Constructed of *asana* and *yakal*, it did not use common nail but only *mechado* (bamboo pegs) and *tornillo pasante* (screws).

This was occupied by Japanese officials during the war, as it was fronting the house of Epifanio de los Santos. The latter was used as the *municipio*, and was burned down during the war.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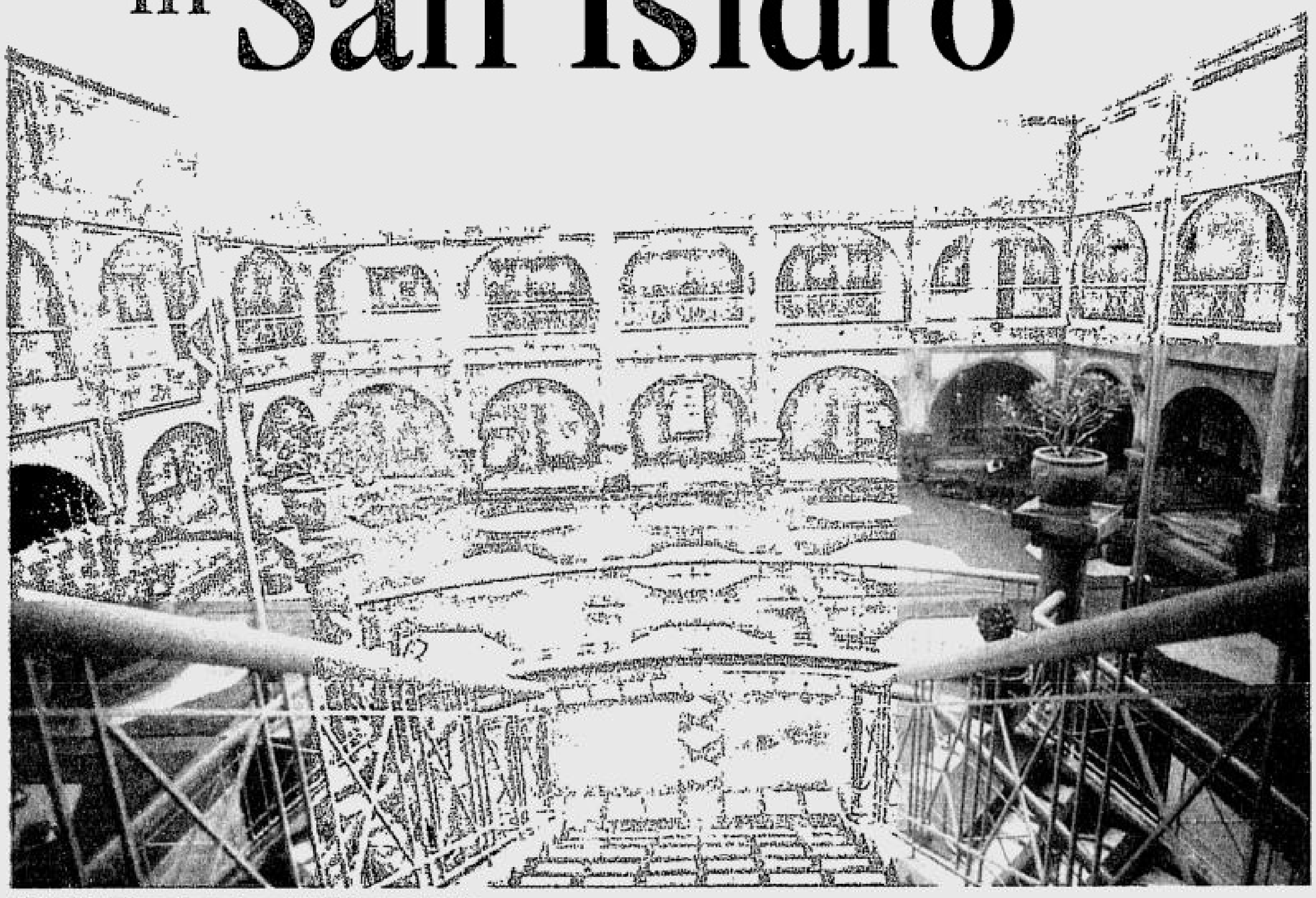
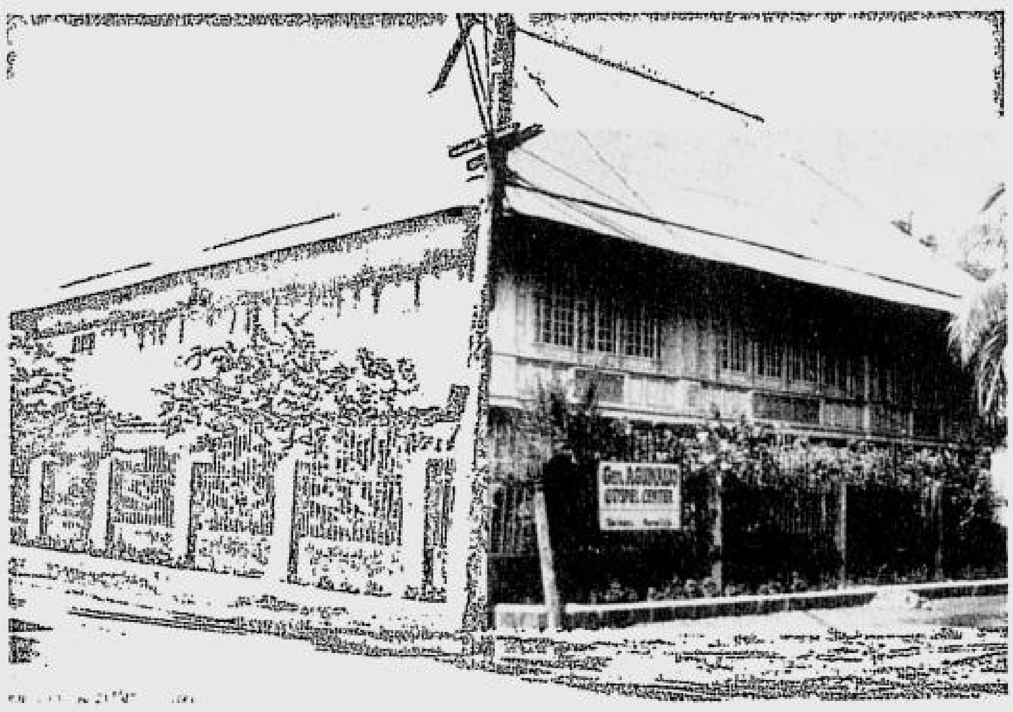

VERANDAH overlooks the municipio's quadrangle.

Another interesting structure is that of San Isidro Central School. This used to be the Wright Institute, the first high school outside Manila during the American regime.

Some of these buildings have been abandoned, such as the Art Deco structure that's now the headquarters of an organization of senior citizens tending a nursery and herbal garden. Others have been partially turned into commercial establishments, thus not properly maintained, and so have gone to seed.

An interesting case of adaptive reuse is the municipal building. This used to be the ruins of the provincial jail and capitol, when San Isidro was the chief commercial town and capital of Nueva Ecija from the Spanish times until 1912.


THE SIDECO House was abode to Aguinaldo, Wright and Funston.

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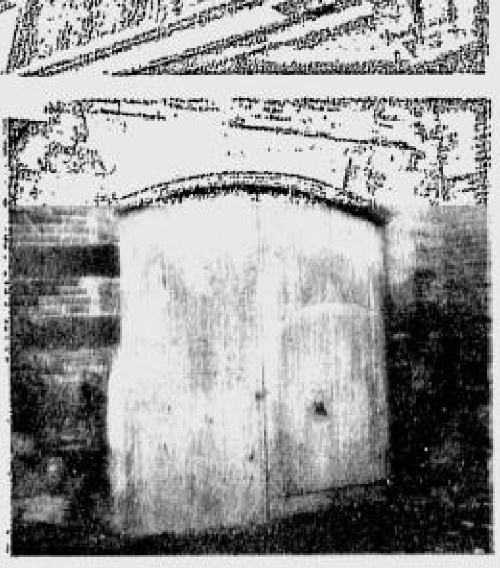
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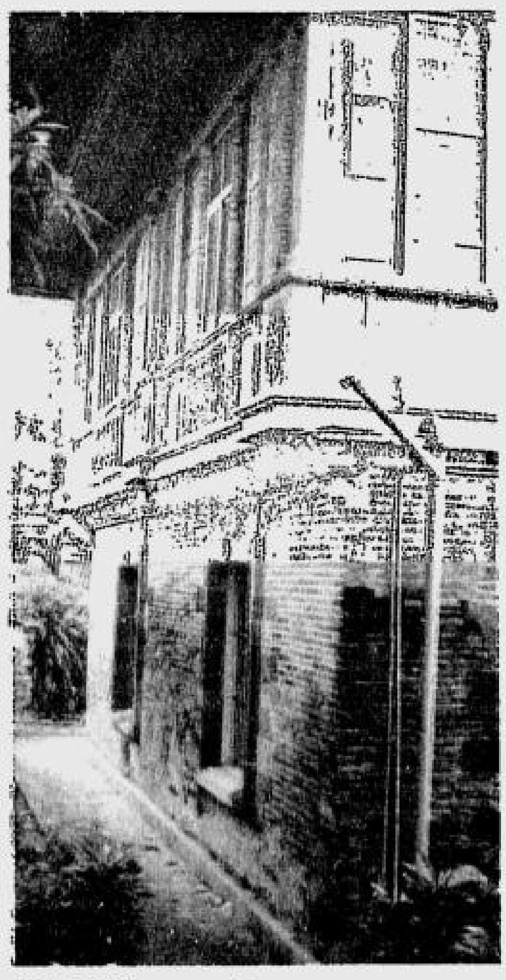
HISTORY happened here.

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Ariel Zabat, municipal planning and development coordinator, says they started restoration in 1993 but didn't go full-blast until 1999.

At one time, he had to stop the digging of an ancient well at a depth of 60 ft, as the workers had excavated and recovered two sacks of 50-cal bullets for machine guns. The place was used as a garrison by the Japanese during the war.

Rigid planning

Out of the ruins, the San Isidro *municipio* has emerged as a showcase other municipalities should emulate. It is a square, two-story structure of numerous halls, corridors and arches, surrounding an open courtyard that could serve as a quadrangle for social functions.

The ground floor has picturesque patterns of square and rectangular tiles of yellow, white, slate-green, slate-blue, red-orange. Mounted on the walls of the arcades are art photographs of the heritage structures and the cultural life of the town.

In the courtyard, arranged amid the Bermuda grass, are 15 washout octagons. In one corner is the ancient well with a decorative pail streaming with water. A pair of sharply angular staircases of concrete and steel twists up to the verandah on the second floor.

Zabat says it could take one more year to finish the restoration. The structure still has to be painted reddish, the color of Mexican stucco.

He says a rigid development plan is being implemented, beginning with the *municipio*, to be followed by the plaza, then the commercial district.

This plan, for instance, enjoins that all commercial structures located on the highway within the *poblacion* should look similar to the *municipio*, that is, if the *municipio* is of bricks, the rest should also be constructed with bricks.

That, of course, was the original Intramuros plan, before politics and tourism took over.

PRODUCTIVE "SOLES." Each pair of slippers is made by hand, with an impressive daily output of five pairs per person.

LEGACY. Natividad with daughter Marilou, who now mans the family's footwear supply store.

RAIN OR SHINE. No entrepreneurial spirit is dampened even as a heavy downpour soaks the slipper vendors' wares on the opening day of the 2nd Tsinelas Festival.

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Big in Gapan

From page I4

Lorenzo town. She and husband Simplicio have been in the business for 31 years.

"We started with P120 as capital," says Gomez in Filipino. "My husband and I didn't finish school, and we knew how to make slippers because we had worked with producers before we were married." They personally made each pair of slippers and sold them to markets at a measly P24/dozen.

But that was 31 years ago. Now, the Gomezes employ 10 workers and supply a Chinese businessman in Manila. Through Gomez Footwear (tel. 044-976-4109), they were able to put their two older children through nursing school. The younger three are still in school, two of them in college.

"It's hard when your workers get their pay in advance and don't report for work," she sighs in exasperation. "You always have to meet your clients' orders."

With manufacturing done on the ground floor of their cramped two-story home, the Gomezes life could hardly be called affluent. But Gomez takes things in stride. "As long as we could send our children to school, then we're okay," she says, smiling.

Soft spot

The slipper industry has a soft spot in Natividad's heart—and not only because he owns one of Gapan's biggest footwear supply stores. The former government engineer was, at one time, a slipper producer, too. After eight years in the business in 1989, he decided to devote his time to his supplies store. Then politics beckoned.

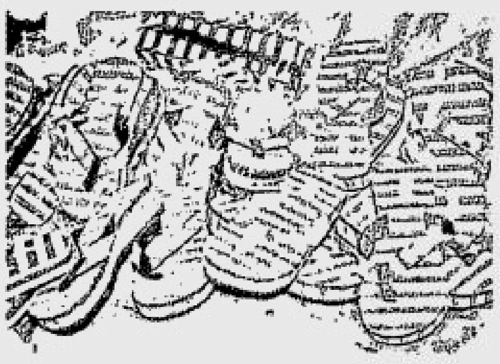
Natividad's store, EL Natividad Footwear Supply (044-486-0304), is now managed by wife Juanita and youngest daughter Marilou. Most of the materials used in Gapan slippers, he says, are locally made, with only a few imported from Japan, Taiwan and China.

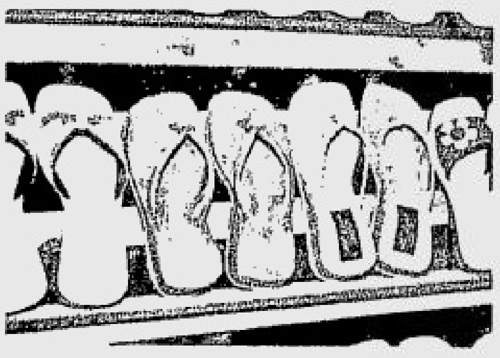
Though rice farming remains Gapan's major industry, slipper-making accounts for P450 million of the city's annual revenues and provides livelihood to five of Gapan's 23 barangays.

Though producers are organized through the year-old City of Gapan Footwear Multipurpose Cooperative, they are not exempt from the usual problems of entrepreneurship.

"The payment system [of client to slipper producer] is 60 days postdated," explains Natividad. "By the time they could encash the check, the money would only be enough to pay off the supplies they had borrowed from the supplier in order to continue production."

Even then, these problems seem trivial next to Gapan's slipper industry's anonymity. No matter, says the mayor. Gapan will always put its best foot forward.





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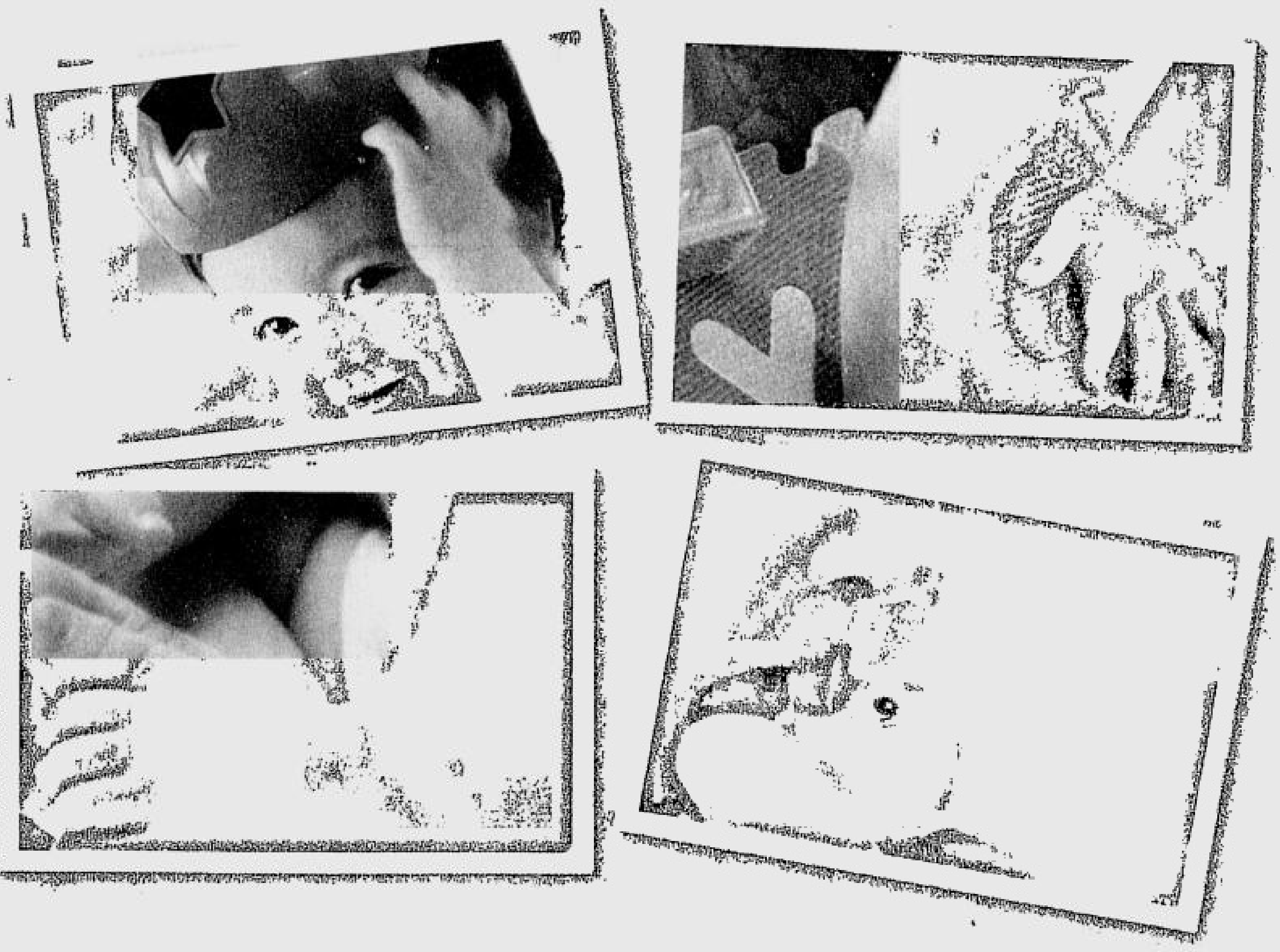

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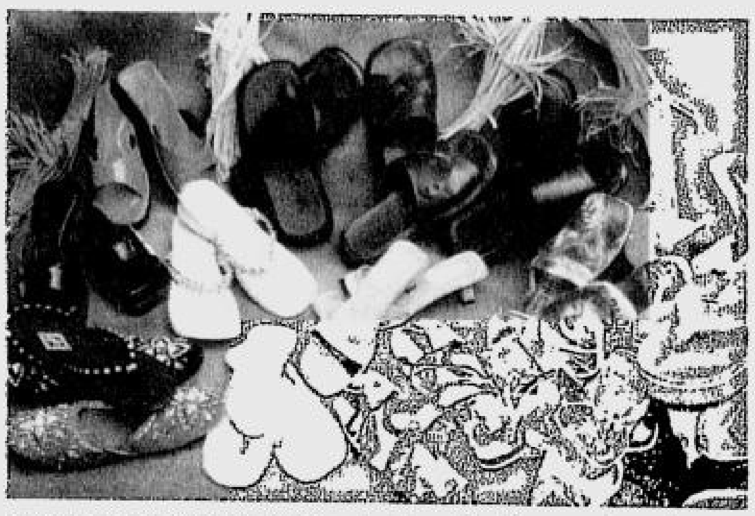

FOR ALL WALKS OF LIFE. From lowly rubber thongs to fancy beaded (or *de abolorio*) slides, Gapan City is the source—at amazing *palengke* prices.

Big in Gapan

Text by Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Mandy Navasero

WHO knew Gapan City in Nueva Ecija had been making happy—and pretty—feet for close to seven decades? We certainly didn't. Folk from a nearby town didn't. But if Mayor Ernesto Natividad had his way, the entire country should.

This month, to mark the second anniversary of its cityhood, Gapan is holding the 2nd Tsinelas Festival until Aug. 25 with street dancing, parades of floats decorated with regular to gigantic 7-ft slippers and a slippers bazaar. The event is aimed at bolstering the new city's claim as the North's Slipper Capital.

The backyard industry that began in the 1930s had never been aggressively promoted, so Gapan still has a long way to go before it reaches the status of, say, Marikina's shoe industry.

In 1998, the Department of Trade and Industry started dubbing Gapan as the Footwear Village of the North. But Natividad wants more dynamic measures to secure the prestige that he feels has been denied Gapan.

Pioneers

Aurelio Palor Acedillo, 66, is a third-generation slipper manufacturer in Gapan. His maternal grandfather, Bruno Palor, was among the first to learn the craft long before the Second World War.

During that time, Gapan residents say, slippers were made of carabao leather from Meycauayan, Bulacan. But the government soon prohibited the slaughter of cattle such as the carabao so that the leather supply declined. Slipper makers had to tap other raw materials, like plastic and rubber, which had earlier been introduced by the Chinese and the Japanese.

Today, Gapan-made slippers are largely made of synthetic materials. Acedillo, who learned the craft from his mother Elena, stopped manufacturing in 1972 and has shifted to selling raw materials. The craft, locals say, is learned—and mastered—largely through apprenticeship, or at least that's how it has always been in Gapan.

Gapan, says Natividad, is the country's biggest producer of slippers using synthetic materials. It supplies the entire Luzon, and is a major supplier in Baclaran and major Metro Manila department stores.

"Gapan's name was never before stamped in slippers that people never knew they were made here," Natividad says. He now requires that slippers sold at the Tsinelas Festival bear the city's name.

Truth is, Tessie Gomez explains, Gapan's slipper producers are contracted by department stores, which however put their own labels on the slippers.

200 producers

Gomez is among the 200 slipper producers in five barangays of Gapan, including those from two barangays in neighboring San

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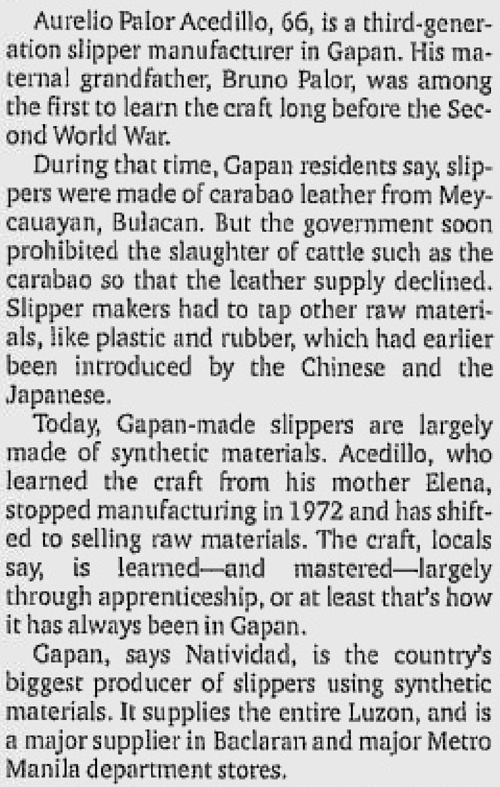
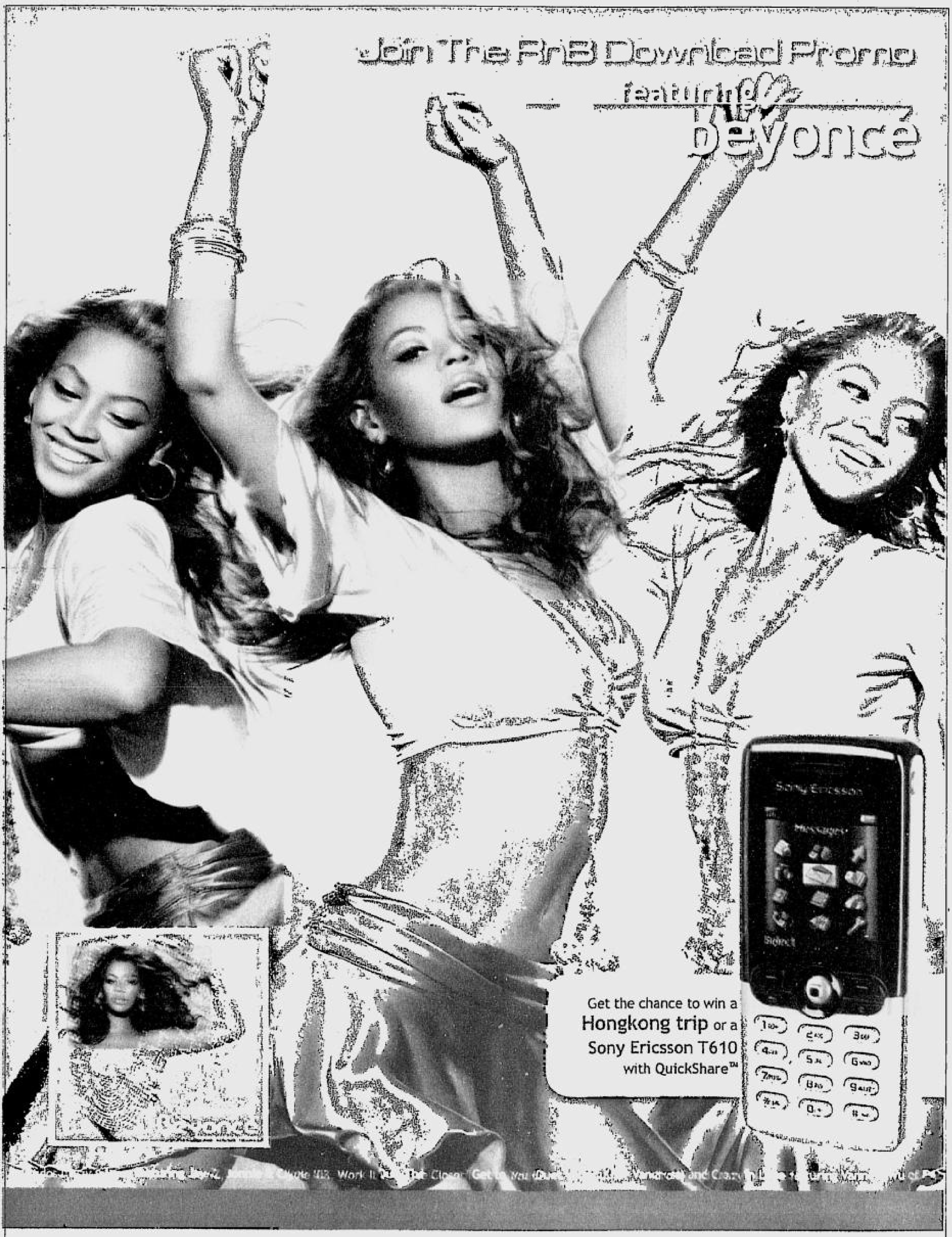


HERITAGE. Aurelio Palor Acedillo learned the craft from his mother, who had learned it from her father.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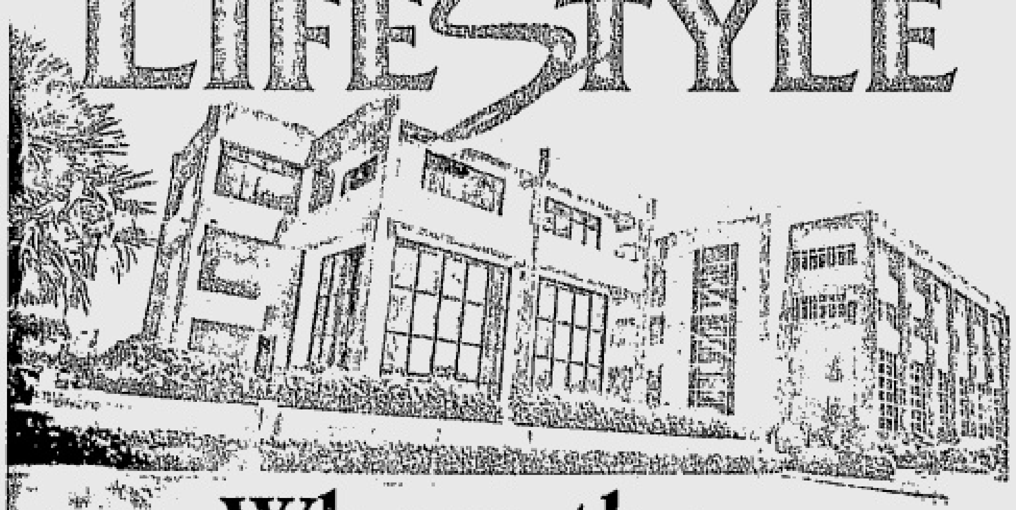

Where the carabao is king

The Philippine Carabao Center is haven for the unappreciated beast of burden

By Constantino C. Tejero

RICE straw sprinkled with molasses isn't what you ordinarily feed your beast of burden. It can only happen in fauna heaven.

At the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC), however, the lowly *kalabaw* gets more than flavored hay. Here, the heifers get fresh grasses, particularly the tall succulent napier grass, while the adults have silage.

At the PCC National Headquarters and Water Buffalo Gene Pool, within the 40-hectare tract of Central Luzon State University in the Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, the carabaos are even more pampered. Here, they're no longer draft animals but more like members of animal royalty.

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This type can produce an average of eight liters of milk daily in 300 days. Top-performing ones can produce 12-15 liters a day.

At PCC, native carabaos have been crossbred with Murrah through artificial insemination. Now they look bigger, heavier, taller and blacker than the pure native.

A few hundreds are in the center, while some 1,000 are on loan to farmers in the region. In the PCC inventory, they're classified into: dry cow, lactating, pregnant, calves, heifers, bulls.

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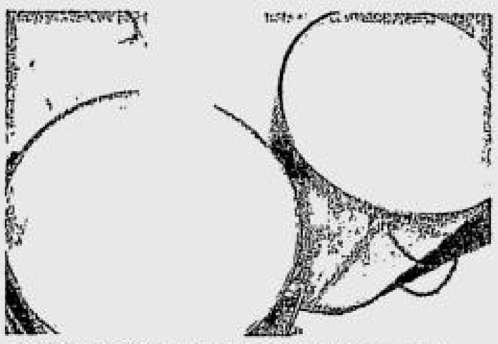

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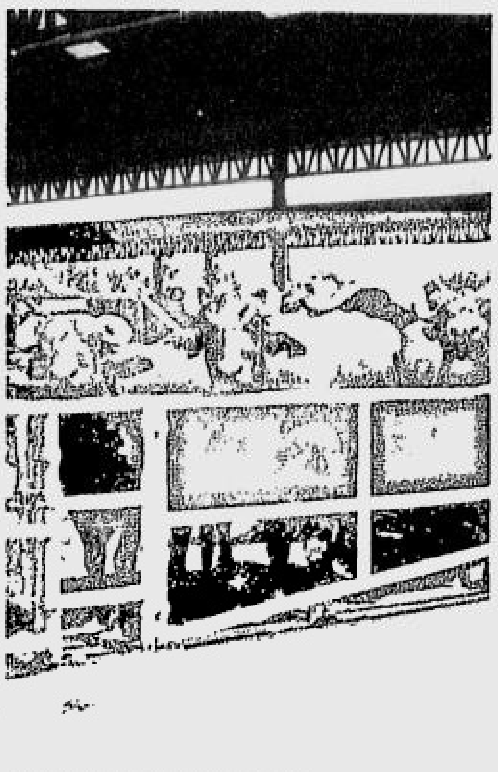

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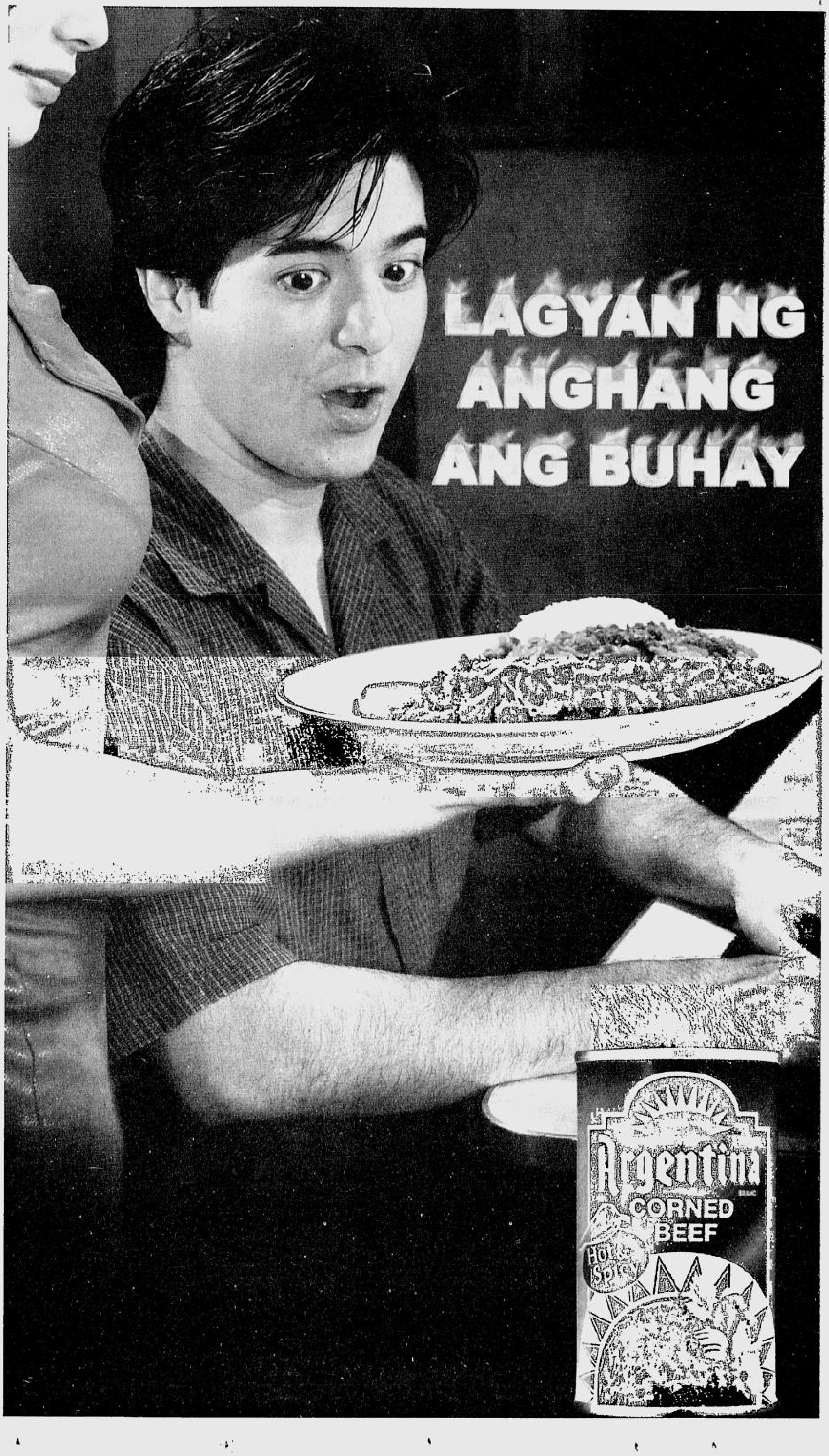

ALUA Elementary School uses its gardens as teaching tools like this English section, which lists parts of speech.

SAN ISIDRO'S senior citizens are among the most active participants of the Clean and Green campaign.

When the old becomes new

Text by Linda B. Bolido
Photos by Mandy Navasero

SAN ISIDRO in Nueva Ecija was for a few months the seat of General Emilio Aguinaldo's government in the Philippine-American War. Now it may yet become the herbal medicine capital of the Philippines.

Although heavy rains brought by the current monsoon season constantly threaten to wipe out what they have painstakingly set up so far, students of the Alua Elementary School and the Kapisanan ng mga Senior Citizens ng Poblacion (KSCP)—barangays and a generation apart—are determinedly propagating plants generally known to Filipinos as therapeutic or curative.

With the ruins of a tall, red art deco structure for a backdrop, the 1,600-square-meter vacant lot has been converted by the senior citizens into a plant nursery and herbal garden that aim not only to generate income for members of the association, but also to promote the objectives of the Clean and Green campaign of Mayor Sonia Lorenzo. The nursery produces seedlings that could be used for other greening activities. Members themselves had already planted the seedlings in their own homes and have started to harvest the fruits of their labor. The project was financed through a Christmas fundraiser and contribution from Nueva Ecija Governor Tomas N. Joson III.

Life for the over-60 Isidorians seems to have been revitalized with their involvement in the project. What started as more of an informal cultural-social club some five years ago, has become a formal organization that is now planning to set up a cooperative. Prior to their involvement in the Clean and Green campaign, the senior citizens' only organized project was a mutual assistance initiative aimed at guaranteeing that every member would have a decent burial when he/she passed on. Members, aged 60 to 90, made regular contributions to a collective fund that helped defray the cost of a colleague's funeral expenses.

But the task of growing things appears to have revived the spirits and zest for life of the members of KSCP, one of the first to respond to Lorenzo's call for support of the Clean and Green campaign.

More optimistic

Members of the KSCP, which was formally registered as an organization with the Securities and Exchange Commission in 2000, now seem to be thinking less about mortality and are more upbeat about the future. While Luksang Damayan, their funeral assistance project still remains a part of KSCP, the association has started the "Barya-barya sa Alkansya Abang para sa Kooperatiba" campaign. Members are encouraged to save so that at the end of one year, when the association hopes to have a credit cooperative, they will have at least P500 to contribute to the new initiative.

The KSCP members are hopeful their garden and nursery, which also includes vegetables, will earn additional income for members when they are fully able to go into production. In fact, the group is already making plans to expand their endeavor to an adjacent 1,000-square-meter lot. KSCP has started to sell some of its produce, but so far, according to association secretary Julian R. Saldaña, the modest amount earned was enough only to pay people who helped work the gardens. Lorenzo extends assistance by sending out-of-school youth or students on school break, working under the government's summer job program, to help in the nursery with the municipal government paying their allowances.

THE EPP Park shows students what plants can be commercially profitable.

Senior citizens and grade school pupils of San Isidro are tending gardens that may yet make the town the country's herbal medicine center

For the people of barangay Poblacion, the KSCP is more than just a source of planting materials. It is also a collection station for recyclable and reusable materials. Biodegradable trash is composted while containers like plastic are made into interesting and unusual planters.

In another barangay, the grade schoolers of Alua have converted a section of their yard not only into a herbal garden but a teaching one as well. Plants are properly labeled and two pieces of boards leaning against a wall of a building list the herbs found in the garden and their uses, based on scientific studies so far. Teachers say even residents of Alua, which got its name because of its reputation for being home to the town's best carpenters, come to the school to ask for some herbs that includes hierba buena, *lagundi*, garlic, ginger, *tsaang gubat*, guava, Acapulco, *pancit-pancitan*. The most popular apparently is *sambong*, a diuretic that eases the passing of urine.

Educational gardens

It is not just the herbal garden that the school is using as a teaching tool. Other sections have been designated as English, History, Mathematics and Edukasyon Panghanapbuhay at Pantahanan (EPP) gardens, among others. In these sections one finds some basic information that students learn in class. The English garden, for instance, has little boards stuck to the ground beside flowering shrubs enumerating the parts of speech while EPP contains plants that has economic potentials.

In fact, the school also grows extensively vegetables and has several fruit trees, including two parallel rows of fruiting *guyabano*. Harvest from the gardens is shared by the faculty and some students.

Like KSCP, the school recycles and reuses. Plastic containers are made into planters and biodegradable trash into compost for the various plants.

Interestingly, Alua Elementary School does not have trash containers except in the teachers' rooms. The teachers explained that students carried plastic bags when they came to school and used them for their trash. At the end of the day, they brought the garbage home for proper disposal. This enabled the school that has a faculty of 15, including principal Crispina G. Gagelonia, and 367 students to remain clean and keep its grounds trim and orderly despite having only one utility worker.

The school has already won at least two regional awards from the Department of Education for its garden and its support of the government's Clean and Green campaign.

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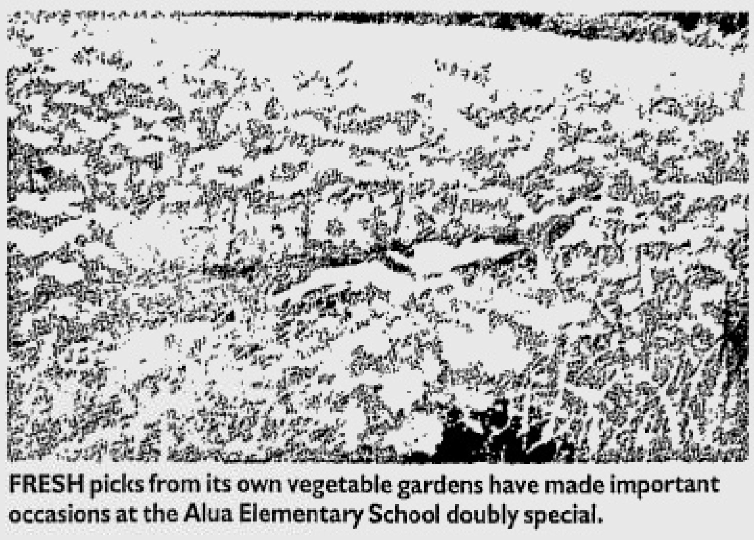
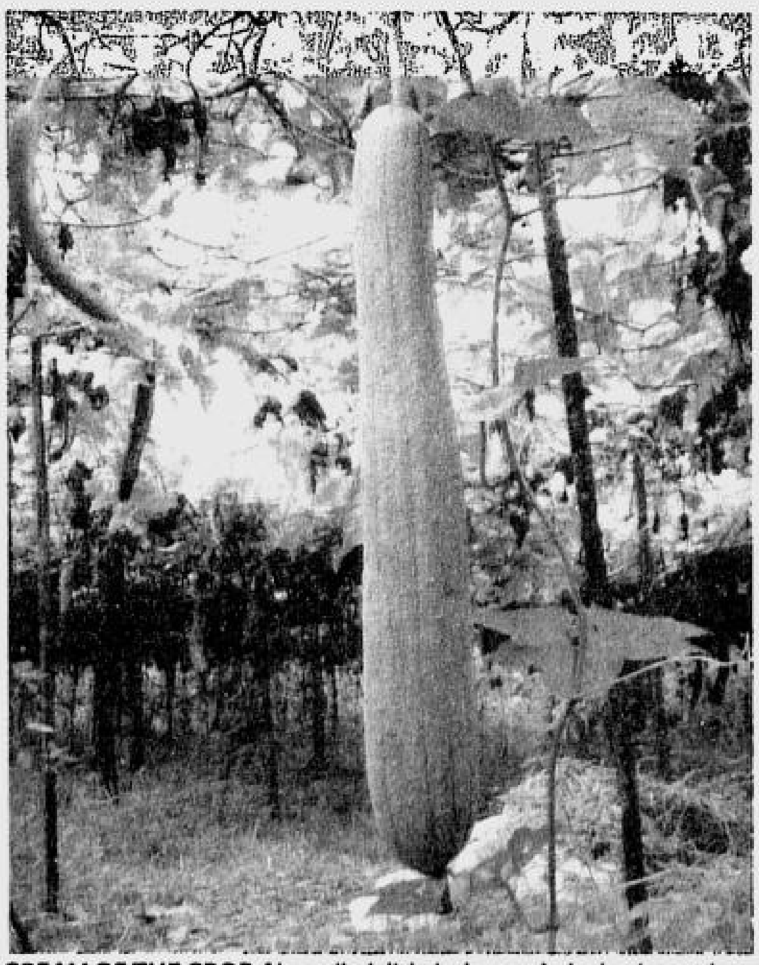
USED plastic containers get a new lease on life as unique planters.



FRESH picks from its own vegetable gardens have made important occasions at the Alua Elementary School doubly special.

Life—with loof

The humble tropical vegetable sponge has become a lifestyle staple and alleviated the economic conditions of poor farmers in Nueva Ecija



CREAM OF THE CROP. Also called dishcloth gourd, the lowly patola takes a detour from the kitchen to the bathroom.

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By Cheche V. Moral

IT HAS been 11 years since Bernardo "Mando" Caymo tried his calloused farmer's hand at loofah. It was 1992 when he became one of the pioneers of the cottage industry. Today his once-sleepy barangay at Sto. Cristo in San Isidro, Nueva Ecija has become one of the centers of the loofah industry in Central Luzon. And from a simple rice and vegetable farmer, Caymo has transformed himself into a successful entrepreneur.

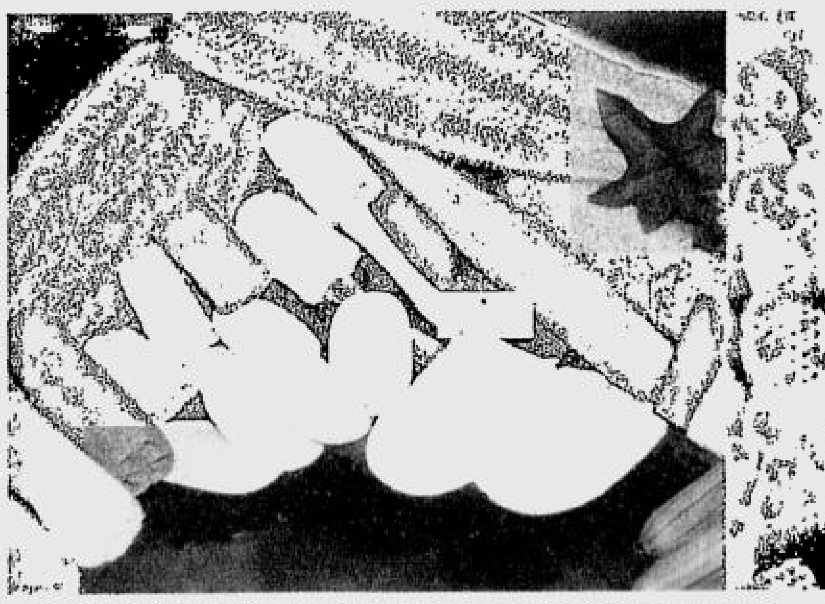
Caymo, his dark color betraying his long years of toil under the sun as a rice farmer, now drives his own delivery van and sends two children to college in the city.

He is easily one of the most successful businessmen in his village, but Caymo, 51, remains self-effacing and soft-spoken.

He employs 11 of his neighbors and hires extra hands to do special tasks like sewing loofah backing and carving wooden loofah handles. He is only too glad to provide jobs to his townmates and do his bit in alleviating the social and economic condition of his barangay.

"*Dito, nagkakasulutan din ng manggagawa*," he says with a shrug, "*pero ganon talaga yun*." Loofah, in fact, flourished in Sto. Cristo only because of *gayahan*, which he doesn't mind.

Caymo and wife Flor, 44, share in the menial tasks. Aside from handling the books, Flor helps in packing their products, while Caymo does the cutting of the *patola* vegetable (from whose dried fruit the bath sponge is made) and personally handles the daily deliveries "*maski bumabaha o bumabagyo*."



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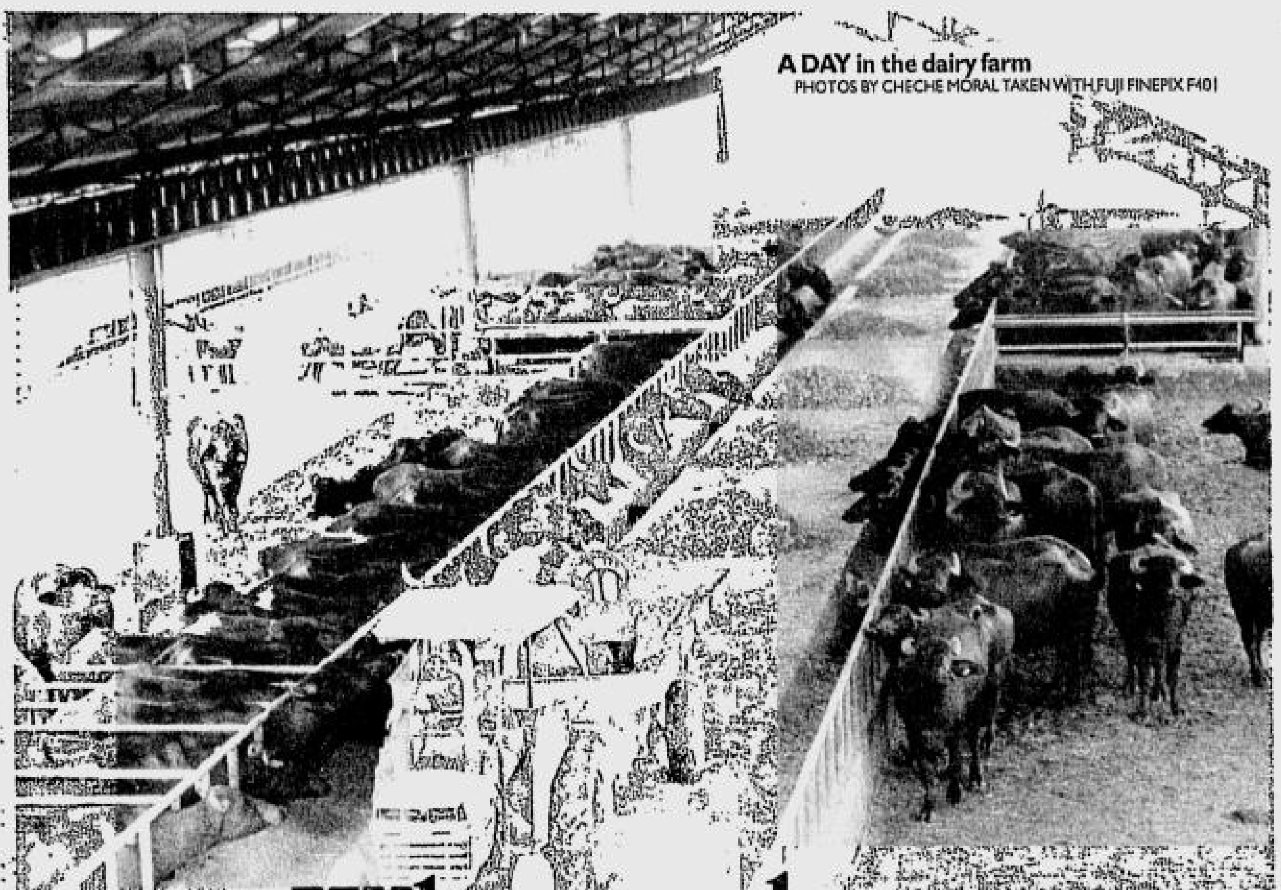

A DAY in the dairy farm
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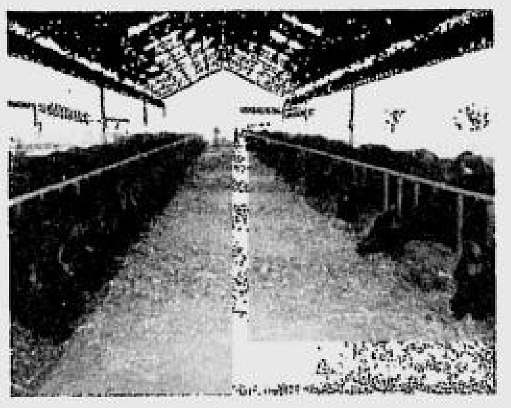
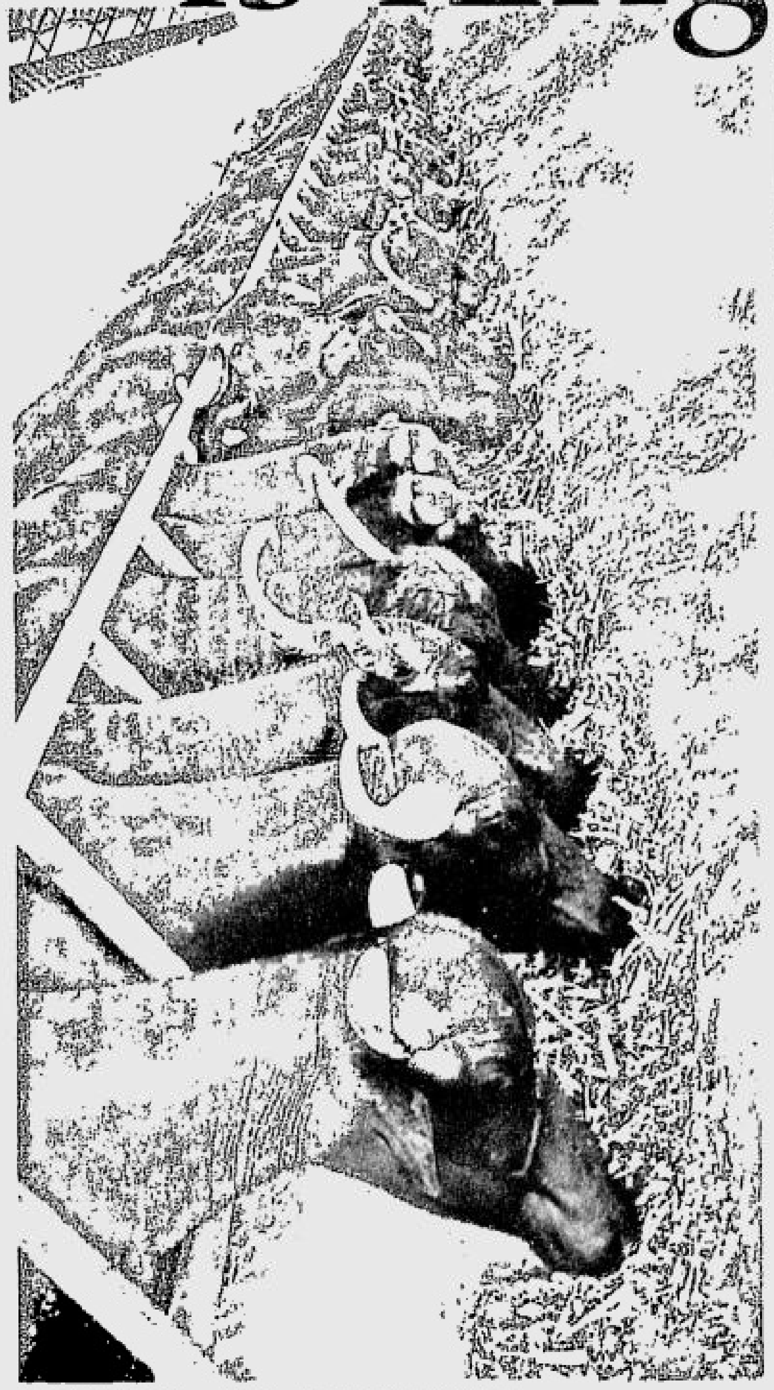
Where the carabao is king





ALL IN A ROW and being fattened for milking

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Baltazar says each carabao yields an average five liters of milk a day, and an extreme of 12 liters (the highest registered in the region).

But, he adds, they have a potential yield of 16-18 liters. In fact, the highest reported was a yield of 20 liters, from a carabao the PCC in the University of the Philippines in Los Baños loaned to the Batangas Dairy Cooperative in Lipa City.

"Ito 'yung parang maliit na elepante," says Baltazar, referring to the fattened carabao. *"'Yung sinasabi nilang hindi mahuhulog ang itlog kung ipatong mo sa likod."*

Milking is done early in the morning and at 3 p.m. Baltazar estimates about 90 percent of the carabaos in the center are milked once a day, and the rest twice a day. This is 10 months of daily milking.

At two years, a carabao can already be milked. At 11 years, it can already be slaughtered (the ban now lifted through Republic Act 8485, sec. 6).

PCC was created in 1993 as an offshoot of the Carabao Development Program, through Republic Act 7307. It is an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture, mandated to "conserve, propagate and promote the carabao as a source of draft animal power, meat, milk and hide, to benefit the rural farmers."

Services include: artificial insemination; bull loan; production of quality breeding animals and germplasm; technical assistance; training; carabao-based enterprise development.

PCC has five regional centers in Luzon, four in the Visayas, and four in Mindanao.

FRESH milk, butter, mozzarella, cottage cheese—all from the lowly carabao
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Unfortunately, that deprives most Filipinos of the untold benefits from milk. The Philippine Carabao Center's (PCC) technology for dairy processing could help popularize this important source of nutrients.

The processing is done in a climate-controlled room that looks like a science laboratory agleam with glass, ceramic tiles and stainless steel. The quality control is such that a visitor has to change to special footwear before entering the room.

PCC has been processing *kesong puti* and pasteurized milk since 1993. Processing of mozzarella started last February, butter in June, yoghurt only recently.

The pricing is competitive, considering one is guaranteed of top-quality products. These include: pasteurized whole milk, P55/liter; low-fat milk, P60/liter; *kesong puti*, P35/pack; mozzarella, P130/ball; paneer, P300/kg; butter, P30/100 g; yoghurt, P100/liter.

These have regular individual buyers and dealers from Makati villagers to organic markets (Greenbelt III in Ayala Center every Tuesday and Saturday), including restaurants in Metro Manila and Baguio.

The *mozzarella* is popular with Italian restaurants. The *paneer* is in demand in the Indian community.

The fresh milk and butter may be a bit blander than the more commercial brands, as no additives such as flavoring have been used in them. But the moment they touch the palate, you know you are eating good food.

These products are almost always sold out by the end of the day that, to avail of yoghurt, for example, you have to order it a few days earlier. Some walk-in customers have to wait 3-5 hours before the milk could be curdled and the curd cooked into that famous native cottage cheese.

For now, the PCC produce carries just the product labels printed blue on white packaging. PCC project development officer Nur Baltazar says that, later this year, it will be branded "Filipina," and underneath it the source "Nueva Ecija."

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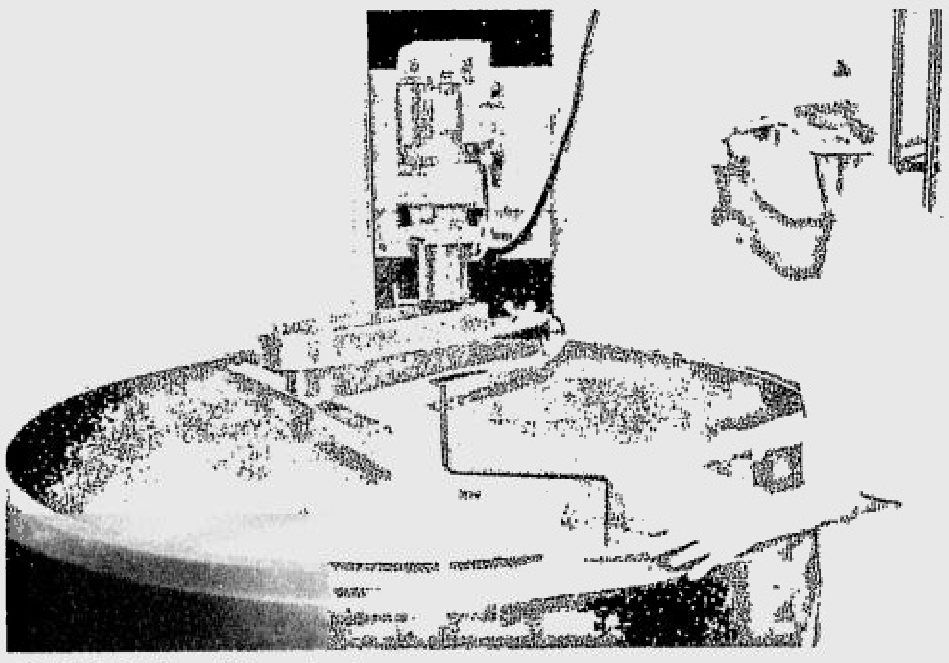

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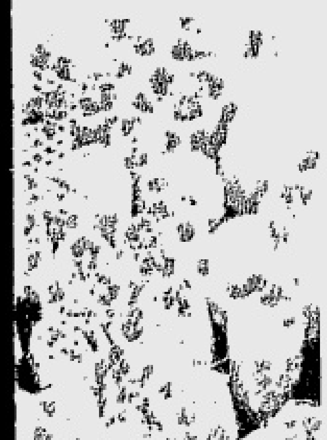

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markets. It is an opportunity smaller loofah makers in his barangay don't enjoy.

Jaime Neonal, who owns JLN Loofah Industry (tel. 0917-3952050), relies on subcontractors to distribute his products to retailers like Rustan's and Robinsons. *"Hindi pa namin kaya,"* Neonal says. *"Kailangan ng malaking puhunan."*

Even smaller loofah makers have to make do with supplying the province's local markets.

Fulfilled as he is, Caymo is not spared from financial woes. His two-hectare farmland is planted to *patola*, but his harvest is not enough to meet his clients' enormous demands. He has to buy *patola* from as far as Bulacan, and that requires money.

"'Pag dinalhan ka nila, kailangan bayaran mo kaagad. O 'di kaya, magbayad ka ng advance *para sa iyo ibenta at hindi sa iba."*

That he gets paid for his loofah through the 60-day postdated payment system makes thing doubly harder.

Patola farms are planted along a six-month cycle; harvest is done every four months. In order to sustain a year-long demand for the bath sponge, producers like Caymo have to store harvested *patola* months in advance.

"*Sa* Baguio *at* Dagupan *nga dapat buwanan ako mag-*deliver. *Minsan tatlong buwang wala kasi kulang talaga.*" Bad weather and heavy rains have aggravated their situation with poor quality and quantity of *patola* harvest.

Challenges

Private individuals have offered to loan money, but Caymo says the interests were way too high. He refuses to go into a partnership. *"Mahirap, lalo na yung mga gustong sumosyo, mayayaman, marurunong. Baka balang-araw, tau-tauhan na lang ako."*

San Isidro's loofah entrepreneurs, even after 11 years, have yet to be organized into a cooperative.

"We explain to them that they would have easier access to money and marketing if they're one group," says Mayor Sonia Lorenzo. "But they still can't understand that… Eventually, perhaps."

"Mabigat 'yung samahan kasi, eh," Caymo says sheepishly, refusing to elaborate.

He admits, however, that the Land Bank of the Philippines would only agree to loan a cooperative, not an individual.

Caymo and his lot are counting on a possible livelihood loan from the Department of Trade and Industry worth P1 million. The money, he says, would be coursed through the local government unit, which in turn would farm out the amount among small-scale industries. But no fund has yet been given, says Lorenzo.

Caymo, however, is no less fervent in making his venture flourish. "*Sumasali kami sa mga* exhibit *at* trade fair. *Nagse-*seminar *din kami sa* DTI *para magkaroon ng bagong kaalaman.*"

Given sufficient financial backing, he plans to manufacture disposable hotel slippers, therapeutic slippers for the elderly and feeding-bottle brushes, also using loofah.

The man, however, is not given to luxuries. He suppresses his grin from time to time to conceal chipped and darkened teeth from years of neglect. He makes daily trips to the city, but this has not changed his rural lifestyle.

Life has been better, he says. He knows that, for as long as there is dirt to slough off, life for the Sto. Cristo folk can only get brighter.

LOTSA LOOFAH. Bernardo "Mando" Caymo and wife Flor rest on their laurels.

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- ▶ Excellent motivational and organizational skills
- ▶ Working knowledge in Windows-based programs

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- ▶ Must have at least 6 months quality assurance experience in Call Centers
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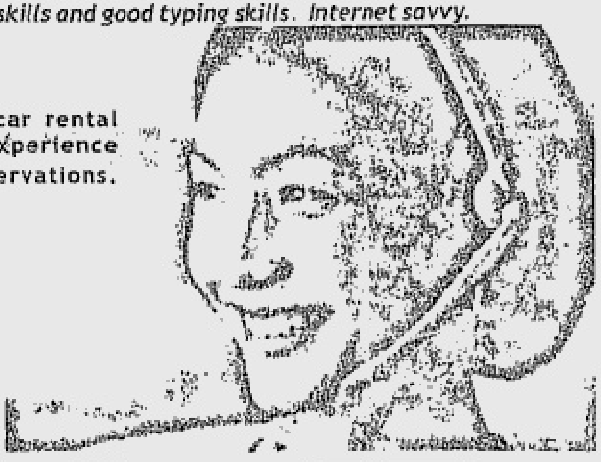

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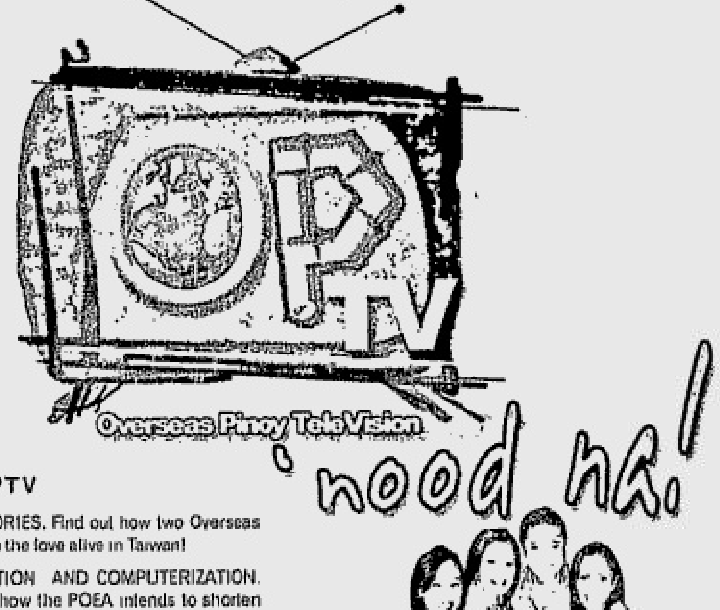

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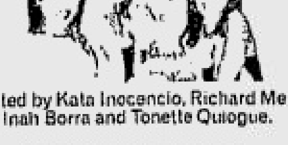

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- Technical supervision of assembly process
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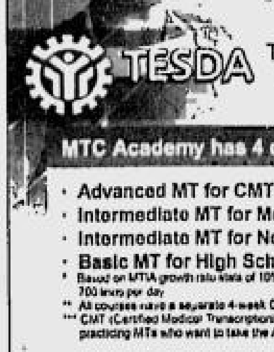

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☐ Female, 20-28 years old, single, Commerce graduates-any major course, Incharge of inventory data & stocks balancing; Know how to use Lotus, Excel & Word, With or w/o experience in accounting related works

MANAGEMENT TRAINEE

☐ Female, single, not more than 30 years of age; Graduate of any four year college course, Accommodating walk-in clients & answering phone-in product inquiry

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

☐ Female, single, not more than 30 years of age; Graduate of any four year college course; With experience as Personal Secretary reporting to Senior Executive

Applicants must have knowledge of Chinese languages and send thru:

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Responsible for delivering value-adding and cost-effective Human Resources Management, Purchasing and Office Administration services for the Cebu Plant and other supply stations.

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- Graduate of Psychology, Industrial Engineering or any related course
- Credited with at least 5 years work experience in Human Resources Management; at least 2 years supervisory experience
- Full competence on employee relations, compensation and benefits administration, training and development, performance management, and recruitment.
- Computer literate, particularly in Microsoft applications such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- A team player with excellent communication and interpersonal skills
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- Proficient with EDA systhesis tools, i.e. Quartus II, SOPC Builder, ISE, System Vision, Leonardo / Precision RTL, ModelSIM, TSPice, W-EDIT, Cadence PSpice.
- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Male or Female not over 25 years old.

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Qualifications:

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- Well versed in the use of Tanner EDA tools i.e., L-Edit Pro, LVS, Extract, DRC, NetTran, etc.
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- Can work with minimum supervision and extended hours.
- Good oral and written communication skills.
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- Degree holder in Electronics / Computer Engineering.
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- Must have hands on experience in circuit breadboarding / troubleshooting and prototyping.
- Proficient with PCB design using Orcad / Cadence PCB Layout tools
- Can work with minimum supervision and extended hours.
- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Male or Female not over 25 years old.

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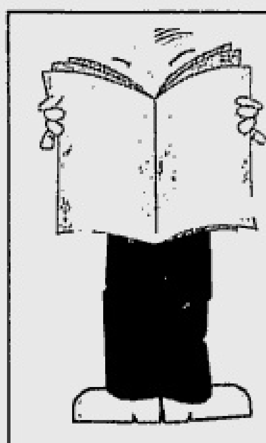

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Qualified applicants (preferably residents of Pasay, Makati, Taguig, Parañaque, Las Piñas, and Muntinlupa) must send their Resumé with 2x2 ID picture and transcript of records to: Human Resources Department, Alabang P.O. Box 191 not later than August 25, 2003.

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Doctors' feedback on PaW article "Doctors find friendship..."

From page K14

August 5, 2003

This is in reaction to the article entitled "Doctors find friendship abroad, passion to serve in own country" written by Mario M. Banzon in the People at Work / Friends at Work section of the Philippine Daily Inquirer which was published on August 3, 2003 (Sunday) Page L-16.

I object that my name was mentioned in the aforesaid article without my knowledge. I was not present during the interview and I am at a loss how my name was included in the article. I am strongly against any self-promoting publicity and it is considered unethical in the medical profession. Furthermore, I do not exactly share the same views expressed by the two doctors featured in the article.

There were a lot of statements which were misleading and outright untrue which could lead misinformation and misinterpretation by the general public. To enumerate:

1. It is true that I share the same clinic with the two other doctors in the article. However, I am a solo private practitioner and I am not engaged in any form of group practice.

2. The head of the Glaucoma service at the St. Luke's Medical Center is Dr. Mario Aquino who is the one in charge of training the residents in this sub-specialty. Dr. Pangalangan and myself are affiliate members of the Institute of Ophthalmology and it is under this capacity that we have the privilege to help out the residents with their patients.

3. Dr. David Gosiengfiao is connected with the research division of the St. Luke's Medical Center. He is not a part of the Institute of Ophthalmology and he is not officially involved in the training of the residents in this hospital.

4. The statement: " ....the group recently performed a no-stitch glaucoma surgery...." is untrue. I have not performed the procedure and I am not yet convinced of its efficacy due to sparse data available here or abroad. In addition, long-term studies are not yet available. At the present time, this procedure is not part of the standard practice in the management of glaucoma and it would be misleading to give an impression to the general public that this is an accepted form of treatment for this disease.

5. I am not involved in any of the research work mentioned in the article.

6. The statement: "Presently, they are working on a vaccine for glaucoma, which will significantly decrease the risk of acquiring the disease" and "The vaccine for glaucoma is 70% complete ...." is again untrue. I am not involved with this line of research and it is only Dr. Gosiengfiao who is undertaking this investigative study. It is very premature to state that it is "70% complete" since the basic experimental studies have not yet been completed, and its safety and efficacy even on animals have not yet been established. This would again give a false impression to the general public that this will be a new treatment option for glaucoma in the near future. On the contrary, this "vaccine" will still need to withstand years to even decades of rigorous research and clinical trials before it is proven safe and effective.

7. The statement of Dr. Gosiengfiao: "In fact , we have been doing great studies with universities from the US and Singapore" is again misleading. I am not currently involved in any research study with any institution outside the Philippines. It could be that Dr. Gosiengfiao was only speaking on his behalf.

8. Hospital based data on the prevalence of glaucoma is available in our country.

9. Lastly, it is controversial in the medical profession to include the exact clinic address of the doctors featured in newspaper articles.

I understand that your section "People at Work" / "Friends at Work" in the Philippine Daily Inquirer is a human interest section and is meant to share to the public how acquaintances or friends support each other at the workplace. The article should have concentrated on the human relationship aspect of the story and should not have not been used as a vehicle for self-promotion. Furthermore, every effort should be exerted to verify the accuracy of the articles published in your newspaper lest it be misinterpreted by your reading public, which could lead to negative consequences.

I hope that you will be able to rectify the situation and allow my comments to be published in your newspaper.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Joseph Anthony J. Tumbocon, MD

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August 5, 2003

Let me begin by thanking you for giving our group a chance to share our experiences with your readers. The piece was beautifully written to the credit of Mr. Mario Banzon. Many people however, particularly within the ophthalmologic community, took issue with some of the statements we made. Let me therefore take this opportunity to clarify some of these issues.

1. Our group was a very loose one. We shared knowledge and experience freely amongst us– between friends. No money was involved with the exception of the clinic equipment where we all pitched in. The last few days have tested this loose association but we remain good friends.

2. Dr. Mario Aquino is the Chief of the Glaucoma Service at the St. Luke's Medical Center. Drs. Tumbocon and Pangalangan help out in the training of the residents and their charity cases as associate consultants. I personally did not claim any position for myself though I am connected by way of research.

3. Sclerothalamectomy (STE) - suture-less glaucoma surgery using electromagnetic energy - was first described by Drs. Pajic and Pallas of Switzerland in a peer reviewed journal in 2000. They have been doing STE since 1996. The instruments became commercially available early this year. Hence, it is true that it is not YET part of the standard practice in the management of glaucoma. Without speaking for Dr. Pangalangan, I have been doing STE since March in a select number of patients and have been met with reasonable success. Not all forms of glaucoma are amenable to this form of surgery.

4. I am doing research on a vaccine for primary open angle glaucoma. The present study is nearing completion. Much of the groundwork has been completed. Favorable results will establish an immunologic basis for the treatment of glaucoma. This is the equivalent of saying there is a vaccine for glaucoma. There was some difficulty in the translation of medical parlance into conversational English. As the article mentioned, this is ongoing research.

5. There are quarters that recognize that the concept of glaucoma is changing and that the parameters used in many incidence and prevalence studies are inadequate. I share this point of view. Moreover, with due respect to the authors of the local hospital based studies, it is difficult to respond to the question "How common is glaucoma among Filipinos?" using hospital-based data as these cannot be reliably applied to the general population.

6. Lastly, the article was not a paid ad. It is unfortunate that a controversy is raging now within the ophthalmologic community with regard to advertising. The past few years have seen several groups actively advertising. This kind of advertising has hurt the ophthalmic community severely. Hence, there was some trepidation in accepting the invitation for an interview. Though I was unable to proof read it prior to publication, I believe the piece was quite well written and would like to extend my gratitude to you and your staff. I did not wish for you to become embroiled in any controversy nor did I seek to use your paper for selfish ends though it may appear to some that I did. I merely sought to inspire and to give hope. Filipinos deserve at least that.

Perhaps at the heart of it all is that some things are better left unsaid. These statements, though true, jeopardized the position of my colleagues. And for that, I apologize. I remain at your service.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Gosiengfiao

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Dr. Joseph Anthony Tumbocon
St. Luke's Medical Center

Dear Sir,

I am Mario Banzon, a contributing writer for Philippine Daily Inquirer's People at Work section. I wrote the piece "Doctors find friendship abroad, passion to serve in own country." My editor, Ms Regina Reyes, told me that you found some information in the article to be untrue and misleading. I apologize for whatever inconvenience it has caused you.

I also would like to apologize for including your name without first getting in touch with you. I was under the impression that Dr. David Gosiengfiao and Dr. Ernesto Pangalangan were speaking on your behalf. In fact, my editor suggested that I should e-mail you first. I decided against it, however, thinking that it might take some time. Since I was writing about the group, I thought I could get the story from Dr. Gosiengfiao and Dr. Pangalangan instead. This is also the reason I often used the pronoun "they" since the focus was on the group and not only on one individual.

I am deeply embarrassed with the way things have turned out. I have been writing for various publications for the last two years and this is the first time someone has raised an objection to what I have written. I am really, really sorry if I had caused you any inconvenience with the publication of my article. I assure you that I took great care in writing the article.

Below are my reactions to the objections you raised regarding the said article.

1. I was under the impression that you were part of the Partners Eye Care Specialists. Not only was your name constantly mentioned throughout the interview, Dr. Gosiengfiao also included you as part of the Partners Eye Care Specialists. I based this information not only from the interview but also from the letter Dr. Gosiengfiao sent us: "I returned to (sic) my the same clinic sometime later and almost simultaneously, Tony came back looking for a clinic. We got together again and hence formed (sic) and informal partnership that we call Partners Eye Care Specialists." Later, in a separate e-mail, he wrote: "We are a small group of glaucoma specialists who returned from training abroad to share our skills and knowledge." The "we" he referred to were David "Gosh" Gosiengfiao, Ernesto "Juni" Pangalangan, Jr. and Joseph Anthony "Tony" Tumbocon.

2 and 3. This is partly my fault. I should have clarified the exact relationship of the group with the St. Luke's administration. I based the information not only from my interview but also from the letter Dr. Gosiengfiao had sent the People at Work section. He wrote: "We got together again and hence formed (sic) and informal partnership that we call Partners Eye Care Specialists. Together we guide the residents of the St. Luke's Medical Center and see their charity patients."

4. Dr. Gosiengfiao has warned me about the controversy surrounding the no-stitch glaucoma surgery. But he didn't tell me not to include it in the story. If he did say that it was off the record I would have gladly complied. Naturally, as a writer, I thought that it would be a great interest for the readers to know about this development. I based the information from the interview as well as from the letter Dr. Gosiengfiao sent us. He wrote: "More recently, WE performed the Philippines' first no-stitch glaucoma surgery using electromagnetic energy."

5. This is entirely my fault. I should have emphasized that it is only Dr. Gosiengfiao that is working on a research. Again, since I thought you work as a group, you were also included in the ongoing research.

6. When I asked about the current research they have been doing this was what they said: "I didn't ask for a lot. What I ask for I got it. I'm happy. I'm very happy, and the research I am doing is 60-70 percent complete already... Now, WE are working on a vaccine for glaucoma... this vaccine I'm hoping it's done in a few weeks..." I was not aware that it was only Dr. Gosiengfiao who is doing the research work.

7. This information was culled from Dr. Gosiengfiao's statement during the interview. "In fact, WE have been doing great studies with universities from the States, Japan, from Singapore, malakas kasi ang research from St. Luke's..." I was not informed that he was referring to "St. Luke's Biotechnology and Research Division and not the group."

8. I asked Dr. Gosiengfiao about the number of glaucoma patients in the country and this was his reply: "...I don't think they have come out (with) a Philippine statistics in glaucoma... I haven't heard about it... maybe it's there but they didn't released it..."

9. This is also entirely my fault. Nobody told me to put the address of the clinic. I am completely unaware that it is unethical and unacceptable in medical practice. It is just that I am a new contributor to PDI's People at Work section and I have observed that they usually put the address of the office featured in the article. It is also customary in lifestyle and feature sections of most newspapers to put the location on where the subject could be contacted. This is to prevent the tiring process of readers calling the newspaper and asking for the exact address. I apologize for this grave mistake.

Again, I apologize for this entire incident. I simply thought that Dr. Gosiengfiao and Dr. Pangalanan were speaking on your behalf. I hope I have given some light with the objections you have raised regarding the article. After all, it is not only your reputation that is at stake here, but also mine.

Sincerely,

Mario Banzon, Contributor, People at Work section, Philippine Daily Inquirer

(Due to lack of space, the letter from the Philippine Glaucoma Society will be published next week.)

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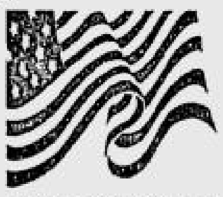

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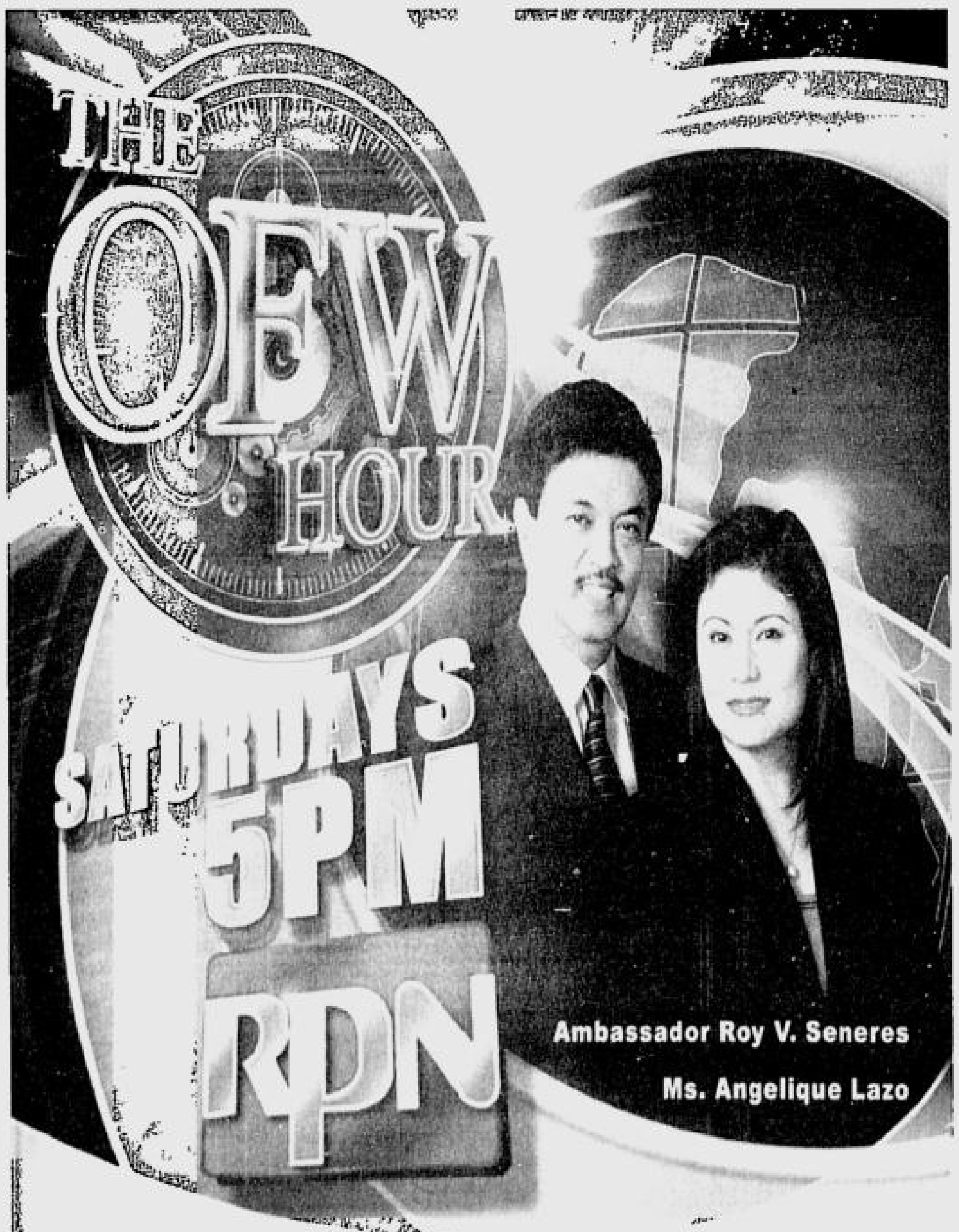

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'Eating flesh, drinking blood'

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

ONE thing I like about Jesus: He makes me think. Or read between the lines. Like this thing about eating His flesh and drinking His blood. I'm sure it is more than receiving Him in communion, and definitely nothing like eating *dinuguan*. I don't know if theologians will agree with me but I tend to think that eating His flesh and drinking His blood is the essence of being Christian if you think of the Body of Christ as you, me and them.

Nothing can be more repulsive than eating human flesh. You've seen rotting flesh—*kadiri* the maggots, no? Yuckkk! But that's what we all are—flesh that can bleed, rot, stink, ooze puss, be infested by parasites and inflicted with tumors and cancers and cysts and whatnot. Flesh that we are, we are capable of possessing all the abhorrent qualities of sinners: we are greedy, proud, temperamental, gluttonous, etc.

And the workplace, being the world in miniature, is where you find all types of sinners and all styles of rottenness. Don't we find power trippers there? (Uh-uh, don't look at the boss now!) Dirty old men? Complaining secretaries? Corrupt accountants? Gossip mongering clerks? Envious assistants? Hypocrites, control freaks, social climbers, liars, thieves, slanderers and schemers—they're with us from 9 to 5! And yet... Jesus wants us to "eat" them—these decaying parts of His Body—to suspend judgment and swallow what we cannot stomach, for to ingest them is to love as He loves. To embrace our coworkers despite their gore, puss and halitosis is to be another Jesus, an effective channel of the Father's love for us all. And that, believe it or not, is what gives life to the workplace.

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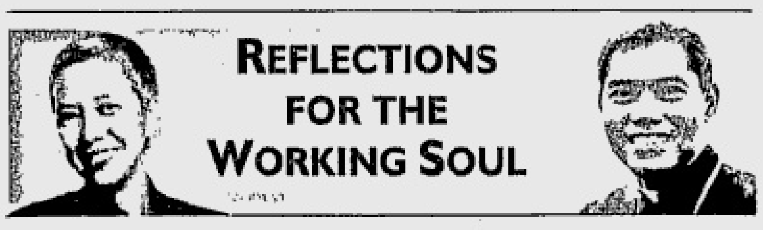

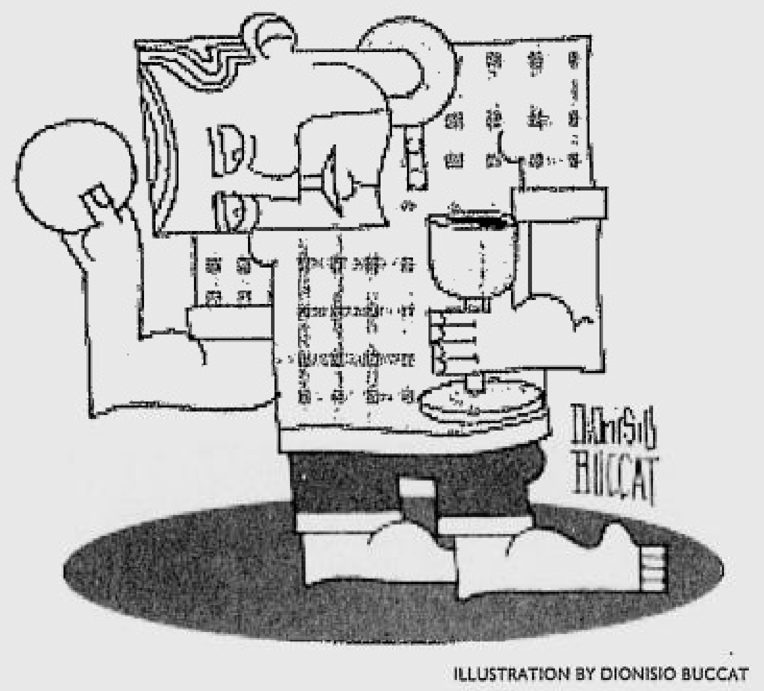

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John 6:51-58

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.

Alternative food supplement

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

THERE seems to be very good business in food! Just look around and see mushrooming eateries and "food courts," each one enticing and promising the public delicious and refreshing treats. There are also various networking strategies offering food supplements which attract people with promises of financial benefits and better health results for both salesman and consumer. Then, there is also a craze for what some health-conscious people call "natural foods," or those which are not chemically treated, and which reportedly provide greater chances of survival for those who patronize them.

While businesses capitalize on the basic need of the human being for food and his inner desire for survival, Jesus offers an alternative "food supplement"—His flesh and blood as "true food and drink". While these do not substitute the daily food at table, they provide more than just survival, and give eternal life to those who partake of them.

Jesus is not a competitor in the food business. As the "Way, Truth, and Life," Jesus shows us that beneath our longing for food is our need for Him, and that our desire to live longer can only be fully satisfied by "eating Him." He instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Church so that any man who believes can avail of the Food, which gives true life!

A simple worker with his meager daily wage may not be able to buy expensive food supplements and "natural foods," or eat at so-called food courts as often as he wants to, but certainly with just a simple and humble faith, he can afford to have Jesus everyday, and for free!

(Email the author at mfv@skyinet.net*)*

Graduates anxious to get jobs soon

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your strengths to the demands and requirements of the position.

Fourth, distribute your resume generously to anyone and everybody who has some influence in the jobs you seek. This can be someone who can refer, or better still, someone who can introduce you to a staff in the human resource department or to a line manager where the vacancy may potentially exists.

Fifth, prepare for the interview. There are interview techniques that ensure that you are able to highlight your experience or your leadership potentials. I suggest you simulate the interview with someone who can then critique you and offer you alternative ways of saying the same things in a favorable light.

Sixth, on the day of the interview, dress well according to the dress code of the particular company considering you as a candidate. Answer questions with confidence and competence. After the interview, write a note thanking the interviewer for making time to see you. Express openly your expectation about getting hired and looking forward to working with the company.

I know that it is easy to give advice through this column. What you really need is career coaching. Each person has his own unique personality. I have requested the consultants of Ancilla and they willingly obliged to give career coaching to those who have already written to me. We consider this as public service and therefore at no cost to the person.

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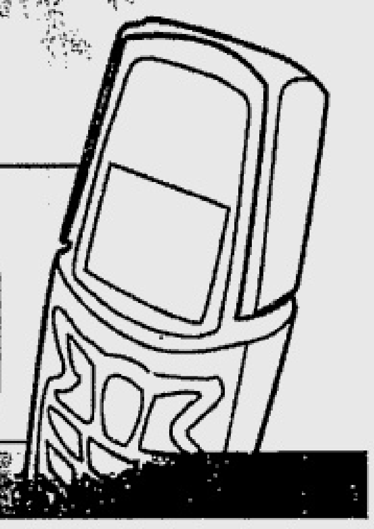

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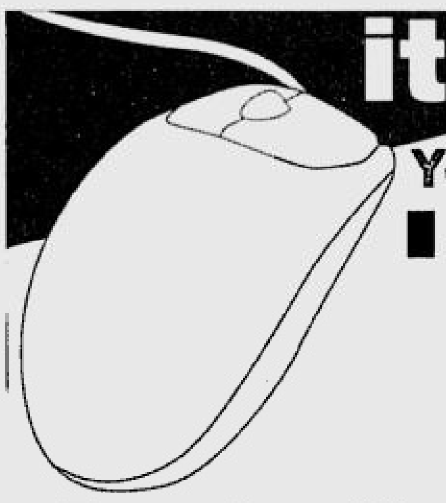

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How to turn conflict into a win-win situation

By Teresa R. Tunay

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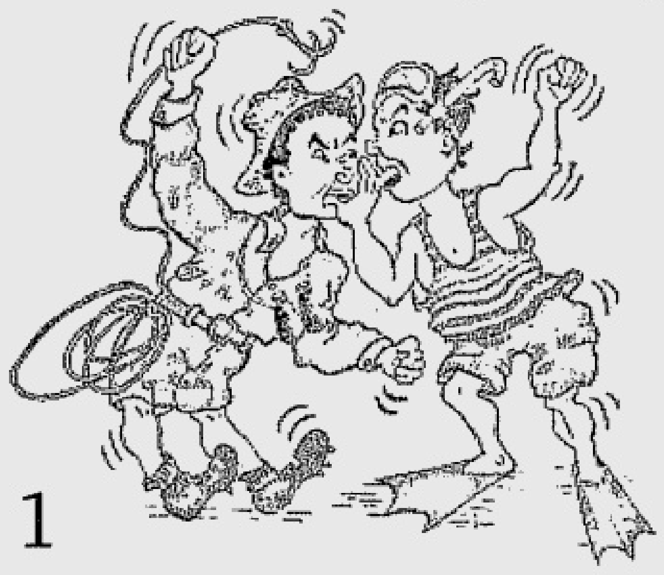
BEST Attitudes

WHAT is conflict? Conflict can be any of these: clash disagreement, difference, argument, divergence, etc. No one can escape conflict. It arises when your values, needs, wants, or ideas clash with those of others. Simple examples would be:



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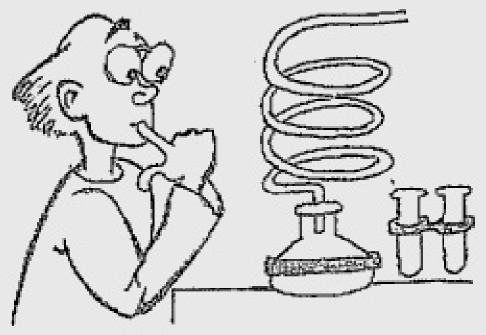
You want to go to the movies, but your companion would rather go bowling.



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You want to study automotive repair but your parents insist you take up nursing.

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Conflict can be unnerving but it is a necessary ingredient of a rich life. You'd be bored to death without anyone opposing your ideas or challenging your opinions, whether at home, in school or at work. Conflict can be good for us because:

4

It leads us to discover in ourselves dormant powers, abilities or skills.

5

It makes us try out new ways of resolving difficult situations or dealing with problems.

6

It compels us to take a real deep look into our values, attitudes and opinions to see how we are keeping up with changes.

7

It improves human relationships as the air is cleared.

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But conflict can also be bad when we allow it to pass unresolved or poorly managed. At such instances, conflict can...

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...turn small arguments into insurmountable problems.

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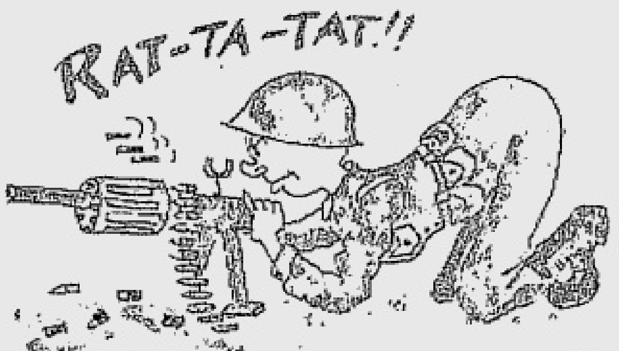
...build up resentment or intensify anger between conflicting parties.



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...cause emotional stress that may adversely affect your health, job and family life.

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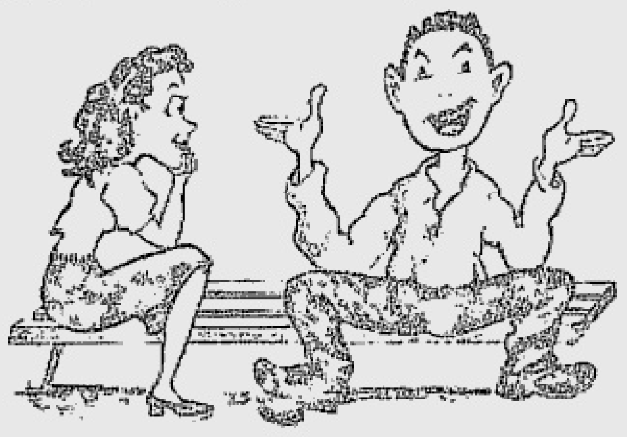
...escalate into physical violence and destruction of property.



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Conflict need not be destructive, though. When well-handled, conflict makes a winner of everybody, and that surely feels good. When you find yourself in a conflict, try to:

- Cool it; wait for your emotions to lose fire before negotiating.
- Attack the problem, not the person; discuss issues and refrain from accusing people or nitpicking about their hidden agenda.
- Identify the real issue. Define the underlying interests, not just the stated positions.
- Activate your imagination: make way for a wide range of possible solutions benefiting all concerned.
- Use objective criteria to reach agreements, such as generally acceptable ethical standards and others.

Graduates anxious to get jobs soon

By Tita Datu Puangco

Advice
For the Anxious Person at Work

A GOOD day to you! I am writing this email to ask for your advice. I am a college graduate of batch 2002 and up to now I am still not able to land a job. I had a lot of interviews but I don't make the grade. I have not passed through that stage of job hunting. I am beginning to think that I am hopeless and that the companies to whom I passed my resumés will not call me back. I am also afraid to follow-up because I am afraid that companies may ask why up to this day I still don't have a job. I hope you can give me advice on what kind of attitude I should have for me to succeed in finding a job.

Graduate 2002

To live and die worthless is my greatest fear in life. That is why to reach the age of 24 and attain nothing makes me panic somehow. I don't base my career on other people's career paths. I believe that I am a unique person like any other person. Recently, I read your column. It somehow hit me that you can relieve me from my current depression.

With our ailing economy, the turbulent political environment and societal woes, who wants to be unemployed or count mistakes (like the choice of a college course) as losses? I am facing stiff competition from a pool of applicants and companies tend to discriminate based on the school you went to. It is not what you know that counts but whom you know. I have a background for two years in customer relations and hotel and restaurant management. I am now at the crossroads and it is tough. I am getting depressed and have started to indulge in self-pity. My faith in God is being tested. I want career growth. I am not asking too much from life. I am willing to work far from my family and take the adventure of going for change. I want to have a good break in terms of career.

Graduate 2000

The two letters we present here are typical of the letters that we have received from over 50 letter writers. These letters break my heart. What are the reasons we cannot find the jobs we want? There are several reasons. One, you may be looking in the wrong places. Often, we go to the places where everyone goes. These are job fairs, ads in the Internet or newspapers.

Why don't you try looking at places that people don't frequent? For example, this morning, as I was walking down the hall that leads to our office, a fresh graduate came up to me and asked if I had a vacancy in my company. Here was a person who is proactive, taking the initiative. If I had a vacancy, I would have hired her. I bet with the many offices in our building, she did not walk out empty handed.

Second, know what job you want. If you don't know where you are going, how do you get there? Take a serious self-assessment of your strengths and weaknesses. Then, study what jobs can optimize your strengths and neutralize your weaknesses. Identify the top three jobs that appeal to you and where they are likely to be found. You can find clues of these jobs through the Internet and newspaper ads.

Third, prepare a resumé that opens the door to your potential employer. Once again your resumé and the way you write it is the key. There is an art to writing the resumé, where you can be authentic and truthful, but at the same time fit your strengths to the demands and requirements of

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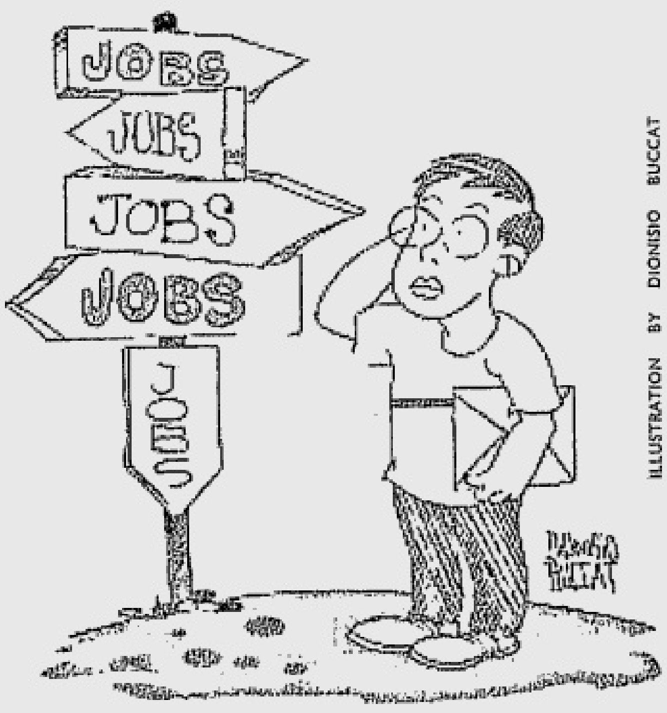

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Doctors' feedback on PaW article "Doctors find friendship..."

THE ARTICLE on "Doctors find friendship abroad, passion to serve in own country" which was published in this section last August 3 elicited differing opinions from various quarters. This section regrets that the article, instead of strengthening friendships, has spawned such controversy. The following are letters from Dr. Joseph Anthony Tumbocon and the Philippine Glaucoma Society in response to the article; and from Dr. David Gosiengfiao and People at Work contributor, Mario Banzon, in reply to Dr. Tumbocon's letter.

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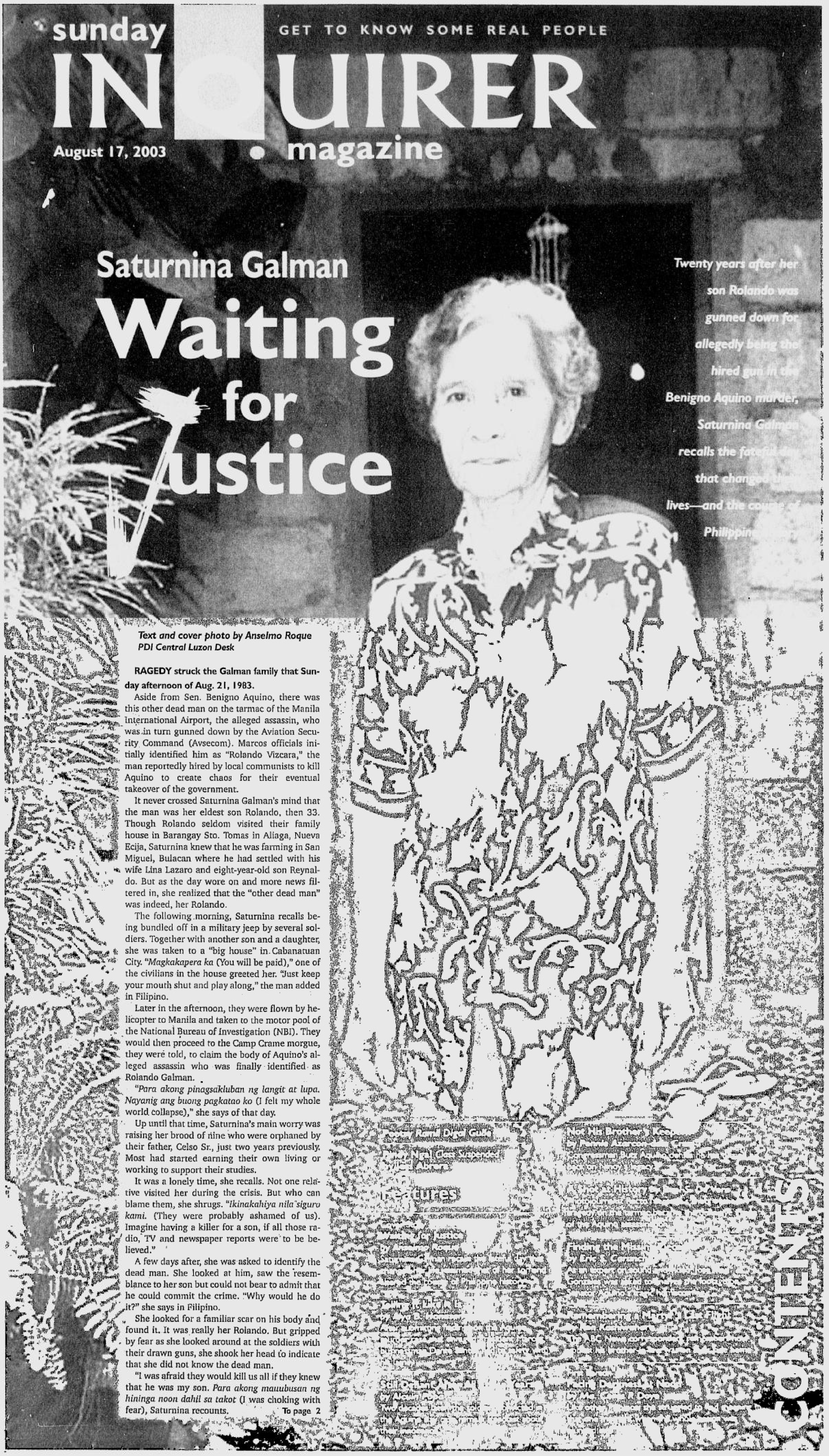

Saturnina Galman

Waiting for Justice

Twenty years after her son Rolando was gunned down for allegedly being the hired gun in the Benigno Aquino murder, Saturnina Galman recalls the fateful day that changed their lives—and the course of Philippine [illegible]

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RAGEDY struck the Galman family that Sunday afternoon of Aug. 21, 1983.

Aside from Sen. Benigno Aquino, there was this other dead man on the tarmac of the Manila International Airport, the alleged assassin, who was in turn gunned down by the Aviation Security Command (Avsecom). Marcos officials initially identified him as "Rolando Vizcara," the man reportedly hired by local communists to kill Aquino to create chaos for their eventual takeover of the government.

It never crossed Saturnina Galman's mind that the man was her eldest son Rolando, then 33. Though Rolando seldom visited their family house in Barangay Sto. Tomas in Aliaga, Nueva Ecija, Saturnina knew that he was farming in San Miguel, Bulacan where he had settled with his wife Lina Lazaro and eight-year-old son Reynaldo. But as the day wore on and more news filtered in, she realized that the "other dead man" was indeed, her Rolando.

The following morning, Saturnina recalls being bundled off in a military jeep by several soldiers. Together with another son and a daughter, she was taken to a "big house" in Cabanatuan City. "*Magkakapera ka* (You will be paid)," one of the civilians in the house greeted her. "Just keep your mouth shut and play along," the man added in Filipino.

Later in the afternoon, they were flown by helicopter to Manila and taken to the motor pool of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI). They would then proceed to the Camp Crame morgue, they were told, to claim the body of Aquino's alleged assassin who was finally identified as Rolando Galman.

"*Para akong pinagsakluban ng langit at lupa. Nayanig ang buong pagkatao ko* (I felt my whole world collapse)," she says of that day.

Up until that time, Saturnina's main worry was raising her brood of nine who were orphaned by their father, Celso Sr., just two years previously. Most had started earning their own living or working to support their studies.

It was a lonely time, she recalls. Not one relative visited her during the crisis. But who can blame them, she shrugs. "*Ikinakahiya nila siguro kami.* (They were probably ashamed of us). Imagine having a killer for a son, if all those radio, TV and newspaper reports were to be believed."

A few days after, she was asked to identify the dead man. She looked at him, saw the resemblance to her son but could not bear to admit that he could commit the crime. "Why would he do it?" she says in Filipino.

She looked for a familiar scar on his body and found it. It was really her Rolando. But gripped by fear as she looked around at the soldiers with their drawn guns, she shook her head to indicate that she did not know the dead man.

"I was afraid they would kill us all if they knew that he was my son. *Para akong mauubusan ng hininga noon dahil sa takot* (I was choking with fear), Saturnina recounts.

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Speaking out: Mrs. Galman testifies before the Sandiganbayan on the Aquino murder case in 1987

But when the soldiers brought her to the morgue for the second time, her maternal instinct took over. Next thing she knew she was telling everyone in the morgue about her unconditional love for her son.

"I could not bear to deny that he was my son," she says. "*Kahit po hiwa-hiwalay ang kanyang buto at laman, pupulutin ko po at bubuuin ko ang katawan niya... Siya nga po ang anak kong* si Rolando Galman (I would gladly pick up his flesh and bones and put them together. Yes, he is my son)."

While she could not deny him, Saturnina could neither accept her son's alleged crime. How could her Rolando do that? Her eldest was born in his father's hometown in Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija. He was smart but quiet and bashful, she recalls. He even became an honor student in Grade 2, but had been too shy to tell them so only his teacher pinned the ribbon on him.

But life was hard and when Celso Sr. lost his job as a driver, the family moved from Baguio to Aliaga where Rolando continued his studies intermittently. He was into his teens when he finished the elementary grades.

Recalls Josefina Sañez, one of his teachers at the Sto. Tomas Elementary School in Aliaga: "Their family was so poor that Rolando would always come early to school to help clean the classroom, and to get first dibs at the milk provided by the school under its feeding program."

Rolando later engaged in farming in Zaragoza but was later implicated in the murder of an Aliaga policeman. He was jailed and tortured but eventually acquitted. A few years after, his father was gunned down on his way home one night. Afraid that he might be next, Rolando and his family moved to Bulacan.

It was in Bulacan where he was reportedly taken by military men. The last image people remember of Galman was that of a man in an airplane mechanic uniform sprawled face up on the tarmac.

After a short wake for her son in a funeral parlor in Manila, Saturnina approached Corazon Aquino. Knowing that Aquino's widow herself did not believe government claims about Galman, the grieving mother asked if her son could be buried at the Paranaque memorial park where the senator was interred. Her request was granted.

Recalls Saturnina: "Thousands joined the funeral procession for my son on Nov. 10. They were all wearing yellow shirts and black ribbons." Most of them belonged to the August Twenty-One Movement (Atom) and the Justice for Aquino, Justice for All (Jaja) groups, which were then calling for an in-depth investigation of the senator's death."

The tragedy led to her political awakening. Saturnina started to join anti-Marcos rallies in Metro Manila and the provinces. She who only reached the fourth grade, mesmerized the crowds with her stirring speeches.

"*Hindi ang anak ko ang pumatay kay* Ninoy. (My son did not kill Ninoy). They ordered the killing of the senator, they were afraid of him," she would declare repeatedly in her rally speeches. People cheered her, she says. They mobbed her, shook her hand and gave her flowers.

And she would respond in Filipino: "Do these flowers and your applause mean that you also don't believe that my son killed Ninoy? My son was dead when they pushed him from the van, was he not? He was just a fall guy. And Ninoy was killed to silence him." Then the cheers would become longer and louder, she recalls.

She also told the crowd that Rolando's wife, Lina, was taken by armed men, never to be seen again. They silenced her, she says.

When the Agrava Board, the commission formed to investigate the killing of Ninoy, ruled that a military conspiracy and not Galman was behind the whole affair, it was "the sweetest thing," Saturnina recalls. (Twenty-six officers and men were later charged before the Sandiganbayan, which acquitted them. The Supreme Court however ordered a retrial and eventually, a retired general and 15 officers and enlisted men of the Avsecom were convicted).

TWENTY years after that eventful Sunday, Saturnina, now 74, still lives in Aliaga, Nueva Ecija. Bowed by age and poverty, she and son Ricardo take care of Celso, Jr., another son who has been bedridden since an accident eight years ago damaged his spinal column.

The fiery Saturnina who drew crowds in massive anti-Marcos rallies in the 1980s is gone. Now she speaks quietly and hesitantly. "*Mahirap gunitain. Nakasasakit ng puso na isipin*" (It is too painful to recall), she says of the tragedy that changed their lives. Back then, she recalls, people looked at you differently when they hear your family name is Galman. Her daughters Nenita, Marilyn and Julie had to stop working and studying. They and her other children Isagani, Erlinda and Normita now have their own families and have settled elsewhere.

But the memory of her son Rolando lives on, she says. It's just too bad that she can no longer afford to visit his grave in Parañaque. "We just pray for his soul and that of his wife here at home," she sighs.

She subsists on the little money that her children send her every now and then, but otherwise, no one else comes to see how she's getting along, "or even to ask if I'm still alive," she says with a smirk. "But life is like that, isn't it?" she shrugs.

Given all that, getting justice for her son becomes an even more remote possibility, says Saturnina. "*Magandang pakinggan ang salitang iyan. Pero kung wala ka namang pera, paano ka hahabol ng hustisya? Bahala na lang sa kanila ang Diyos* (It's a nice word, justice, but without money, what chance do you have getting it? It's all up to God now).

Still, the truth will out, she adds. "*Walang bahong di sumingaw; walang masamang gawang di nahayag* (whatever is rotten, stinks; bad deeds are found out)."

On Thursday, Aug. 21, Saturnina will light a candle in her home altar and say a little prayer for her Rolando.

Telling It Like It Is

After incurring Marcos' ire by turning in a report that belied government claims about the Aquino assassination, businessman Dante Santos, a member of the Agrava fact-finding board, fled to safety with his family

By Alya B. Honasan

Santos: No dramatic changes

BUSINESSMAN Dante Santos was president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce Inc. and chair of the Philippine Appliance Corporation when then President Ferdinand Marcos asked him to become a member of the Agrava Commission, the Fact-Finding Board "created to determine the facts and circumstances surrounding the assassination of former Sen. Benigno S. Aquino."

His appointment, Santos thinks, came about because he had written Marcos to complain about the "credibility" of previous investigators and offered suggestions from the business community on how to deal with media and law enforcement agencies.

He joined the Board in October of 1983, along with other members representing labor, business, education, the professions and public service. Of the five members, three have passed away, says Santos: "Atty. Luciano Salazar, retired Justice Corazon Agrava and Atty. Amado Dizon. The two surviving members are myself and former Sen. Ernesto Herrera."

For the record, Santos, who was 58 when the Agrava Commission was formed, notes that the majority report of the FFB made a clear statement on the events. "The assassination of former Sen. Benigno Aquino was a military conspiracy whose mastermind was an ambitious political rival of Sen. Benigno Aquino, and not a communist plot as suggested by President Marcos with Galman as the assassin."

After submitting the report to President Marcos, "who was visibly disturbed and apparently very angry with all of us," Santos took his family to his sister's place in Seattle, Washington. "On the way to Seattle, the Tokyo Broadcasting Station invited me as guest in their program." His family was provided security, he adds.

His stint with the Board did not really change his life dramatically, Santos says, "except that friends and relatives would occasionally ask me to share some experiences." Since then, he's been back to work in the manufacturing sector.

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FOUR O'CLOCK NIPPLE

It's 4 a.m. and I'm boiling
A rubber nipple in a small
White pot—a wedding gift, I think.

I'm staring at the nipple bobbing
Furiously in the churning water
And I'm thinking it's going to
Be a long day later, full of rain
As usual in my country.

I'm thinking, oh, this is going
To be one of those poems
About fatherhood, a fatherhood
Never learned from my forever
Absent father, who was away
Even when he sat beside me.

The nipple's had enough, or so
It seems, so I use the plastic tongs
To pluck then stuff it through the blue
Ring that screws on top the feeding
Bottle. Now for the formula.

Here I am giving the formula to
My son, that is, to his mother who
Can't nurse him this time. She has
Mastitis for Christ's sake, left
Breast hard, swollen, a red starburst
Of pain flaring around the dark brown tip

When I stare at the thing I imagine it
Exploding from the pressure and splattering
Blood, pus and milk on my face.

"Whatever you're thinking," says my wife
Who knows the insane look I get
During a poetic trance, "stop it. It's
Excruciating. Look away and let me sleep."

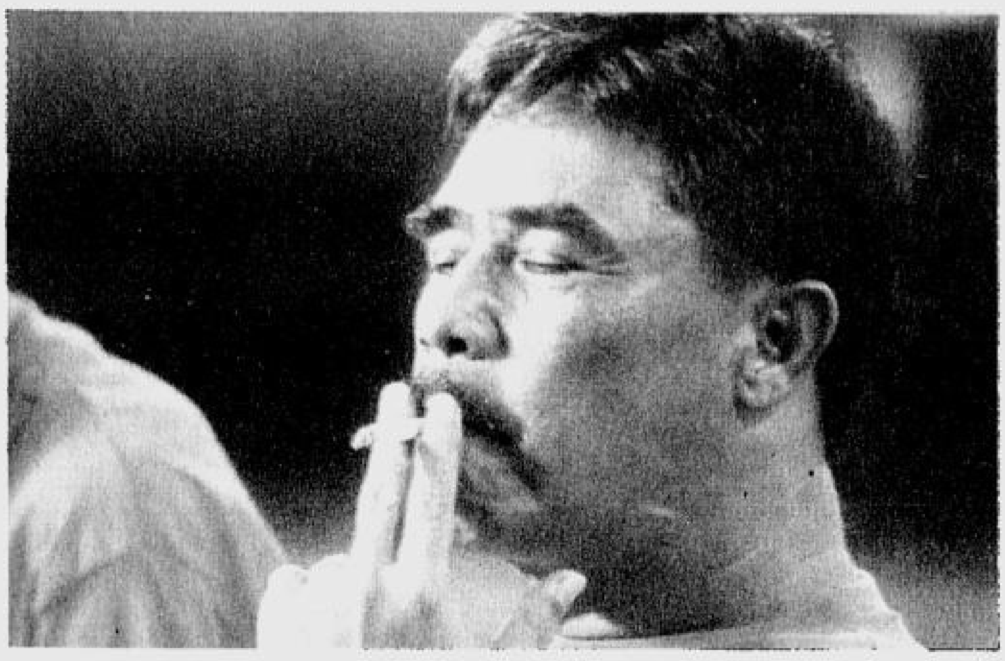
So I go and write this ugly poem, a crude
Narrative that the critics will hate. Whoever
Invented lyricism must have been gay or stoned
Out of his mind, or talking through his ass.

In a while, I'll go out but leave a note near
My wife's sleeping head. It will say:

Be happy you did not marry Stephen King.

Ramil Digal Gulle

Still Defiant After All These Years


Bautista: "We were used"

By Alcuin Papa
Photographs by Erik Arazas

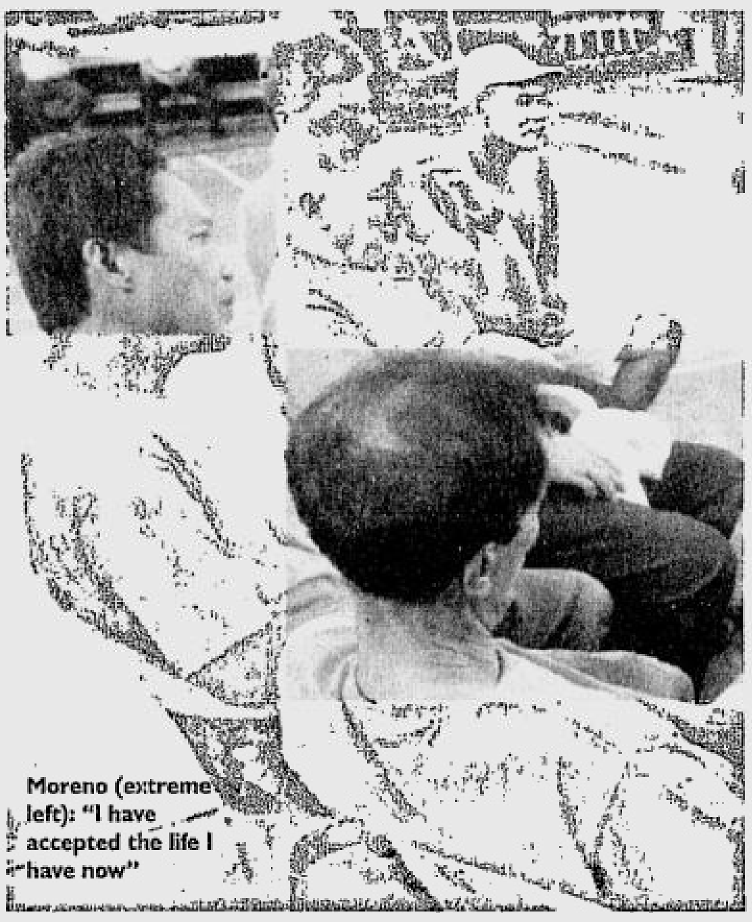
THE years have lined their faces, dulled their eyes and hunched up their shoulders.

It has been 13 years since Capt. Romeo Bautista, 54, and C1C Rogelio Moreno, 47, were sentenced to two life terms, along with 14 other enlisted men, for their involvement in the assassination of Sen. Benigno Aquino on August 21, 1983.

Moreno was among the soldiers who boarded the plane to escort Aquino down the tarmac. Bautista's orders at that time were to control the media.

"Twenty years, it's been that long," the two say to each other, almost in disbelief. "Our classmates and batchmates in the service have retired," they shrug.

Bautista, a native of Imus, Cavite, had just graduated with a Commerce degree when he decided to enlist in the armed forces. In 1974, he entered the Philippine Air Force intelligence unit. He was later transferred to the Aviation Security Command (Avsecom). Married in 1983, he has two children by his wife, an officer in the Philippine Air Force. Their eldest has graduated with an Economics degree, while their son is a first year engineering student. "My daughter wanted to get a Master's degree but we can't afford that," he says.


Moreno (extreme left): "I have accepted the life I have now"

Two decades later, the soldiers convicted in the Aquino slay case remain steadfast about their innocence

Moreno, a native of San Carlos City, Pangasinan, saw action in Basilan and Zamboanga where he fought separatist rebels as a member of the defunct Philippine Constabulary. He had to leave his daughter Weng to the care of an aunt when he started serving his sentence. Weng, a scholar under a Jesuit outreach program, has graduated from college and now works in a bank. His wife, Alicia, has since been working in Hongkong as the family's sole breadwinner.

"Our sentence affects our families the most," says Moreno. "The three of us are separated," he says of his wife and daughter. "We're lucky to have wives like them who have stuck with us through the years," he adds.

The hardest times are Christmas and their children's birthdays, the two confess. "We have no gifts for them, only promises that start with `when we get out of here...' " says Moreno.

Passing the time is another challenge. Workouts and physical activities help and the two men, despite their gaunt faces, are noticeably muscular.

Bautista, the highest ranking of the 16 convicted men, plays tennis, while the quieter Moreno tends to a small plot where he plants vegetables and raises chickens.

To prepare for his possible release, Moreno took a course in refrigeration and is studying reflexology. The two are also active in religious activities and have served as lay ministers.

BUT the banter and light talk hardly distract them from a topic that the 16 inmates gravitate to: what really happened on that fateful day in August, 1983.

The two remember that day clearly. Bautista was in a briefing as part of "Oplan Balikbayan," the day before Ninoy Aquino's arrival. "There was nothing special or different about that briefing," he recalls. "We were implementing the normal security preparations for a VIP."

Moreno recalls that a day before, his unit was called to a formation where his superiors chose four well-built members for a special mission.

The next day, they were ordered to report to Avsecom headquarters. "I thought our job was to escort (Avsecom chief) Gen. Luther Custodio," says Moreno. "We only found out our tasks during the briefing. I didn't even know Senator Aquino was arriving before that."

To Moreno, their orders were clear: "To secure Senator Aquino. Whoever came close to him, whether friend or foe, we should shoot."

The rest, they say, is all in the papers.

Bautista and Moreno say prison life has traumatized them. *"Kawawa kami dito.* We are living with hardened criminals," Bautista says.

The trauma is more palpable in the case of Moreno, whom the Fact Finding Board pointed to as the gunman. "If I were the one who shot him, then I should have been shot right there and then on the tarmac. I wouldn't be here talking to you right now," he protests.

These days, Moreno has become more philosophical about life. "In all the years I have spent here, there are a lot of things I have thought about. My anger has gone and I have accepted the life I have now."

Adds Bautista: "We all know Roger is innocent."

The two also deny loose talk that they and their families are living comfortably. "It's not true that we are getting some sort of support from powerful people. Although sometimes, during Christmas, we get some gifts like groceries from our commanders." Certain officials, too, helped them rebuild their building which had been partially burned in 2001, add Bautista and Moreno.

Today, despite constant exhortations from several quarters including former President Corazon Aquino, for them to reveal the mastermind behind the Aquino murder, the soldiers continue to maintain their innocence and to say nothing.

To this day, the soldiers maintain that it was really Rolando Galman who fired the fatal shot at Senator Aquino. "Some people say we should listen to our conscience and speak the truth," says Bautista. "But we know nothing and we have committed no crime. We have been victims of an injustice and have been made sacrificial lambs. We were used."

In 1995, they say, they should have been eligible for parole due to good behavior. But they lost this chance allegedly because of the influence of some "powerful people."

The two say they've forgiven those who put them in jail. "They should be the ones feeling guilty because they did this to us. They have tortured us. We are just small fry. But we forgive those who have sentenced us to this life," says Bautista.

Along with the other convicted soldiers, both Moreno and Bautista are pushing for the reopening of the case, "to find out the truth and the mastermind. It is what God wants," Moreno pleads.

"We don't know why the Aquinos don't want to reopen the case," he says. "They should listen to us. Who knows? This might be the key to the truth."

Not His Brother's Keeper

His brother's assassination pushed him into politics, admits Makati Representative Butz Aquino. Now an opposition figure aligned with ousted President Estrada, this two-term senator and congressman denies he has turned his back on Ninoy's legacy

Congressman Aquino: "I still believe in Ninoy's ideals"

EGAY MONTAÑA

By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

HE was among the last to know.

While the whole nation gasped in horror as TV cameras focused on the still body of Sen. Benigno Aquino on the tarmac as early as 1 p.m., the senator's brother, Agapito "Butz" Aquino, and the group of well-wishers at the VIP room of the Manila International Airport knew next to nothing.

"There was no TV, no phone, no walkie talkie in the room," recalls Makati congressman Aquino, 64. His brother-in-law, journalist Ken Kashiwahara, who shared the same flight with Ninoy had managed to send in word that the senator had been shot, "but there were no other details."

The night before had given him no foreboding. "I was partying with the basketball players of Gallerie Dominique, Nikki Coseteng's team," recalls Aquino. "I was their acting manager so I invited them to meet Ninoy at the airport the next day. I wanted to give the homecoming an air of celebrity." His brother had been away for three years after all, exiled in Boston where he just had a heart bypass. It was the senator's second attempt to come home.

"He had wanted to come on August 7, but (Marcos Defense minister Juan Ponce) Enrile asked him to postpone it for 30 days, reportedly because of threats to his life." But the leading opposition figure at that time couldn't wait that long. "We knew he was coming on Aug. 21, between 12 and 2 p.m., but we didn't know from where or on which flight," his brother recounts.

The brothers had met in Hongkong in early 1981 to discuss Aquino's homecoming. The senator had outlined five scenarios, he says, including a house arrest, a hospital arrest and prison. The fifth, Ninoy had said, was that they would eliminate him in the airport, but that was the least likely, "because that would make a martyr of him and Marcos would be blamed."

But the fifth scenario had come to pass and the group at the VIP room had yet to know. At 4 p.m., they left the airport and proceeded to Baclaran Church to pray for Ninoy's safety on the urging of former Sen. Eva Kalaw.

It was much later when Aquino's sister,

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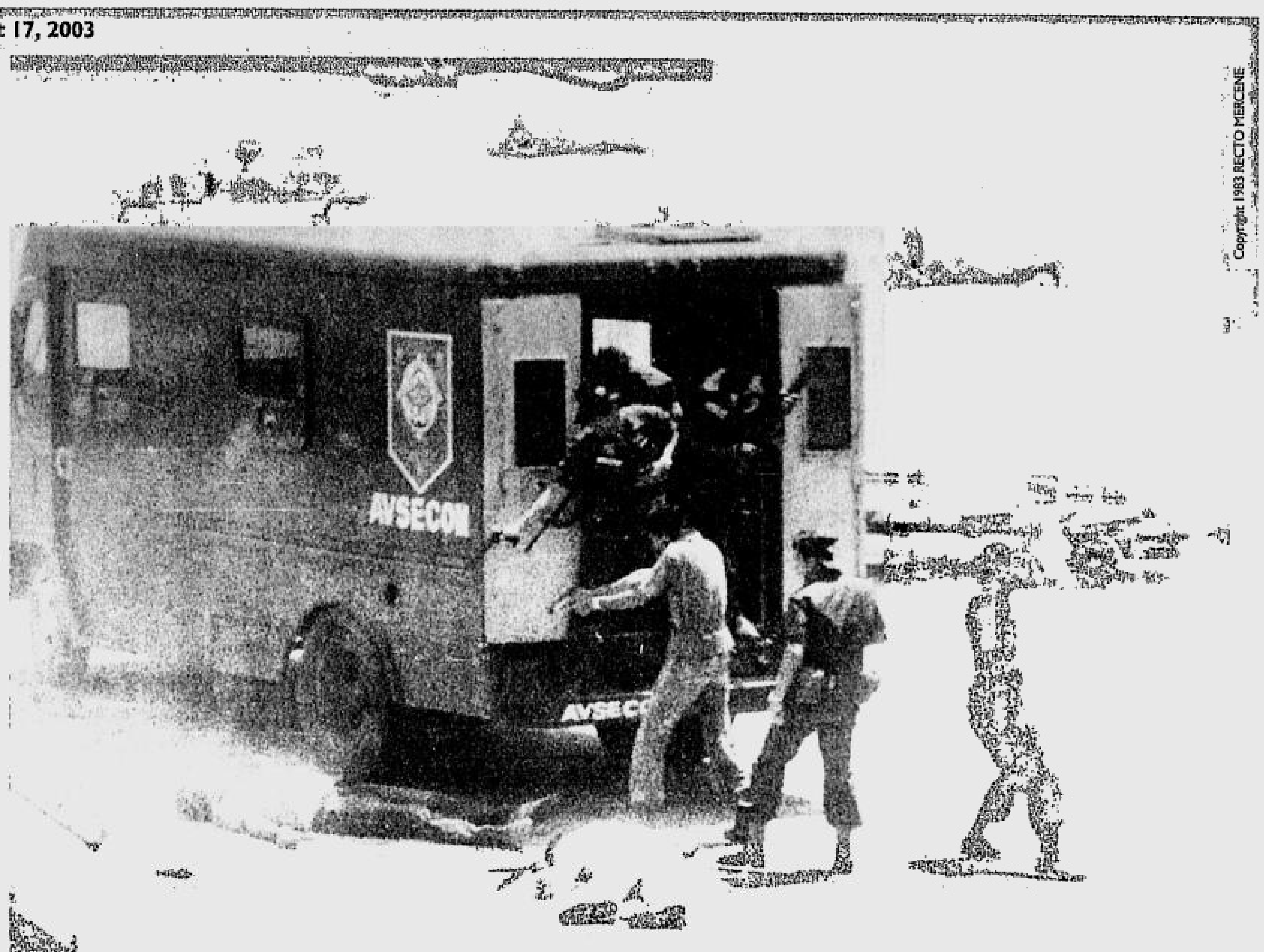
A Shot at History

It was just another assignment for photojournalist Recto Mercene, but his shots of the tragedy on the tarmac became the definitive images of the Aquino assassination



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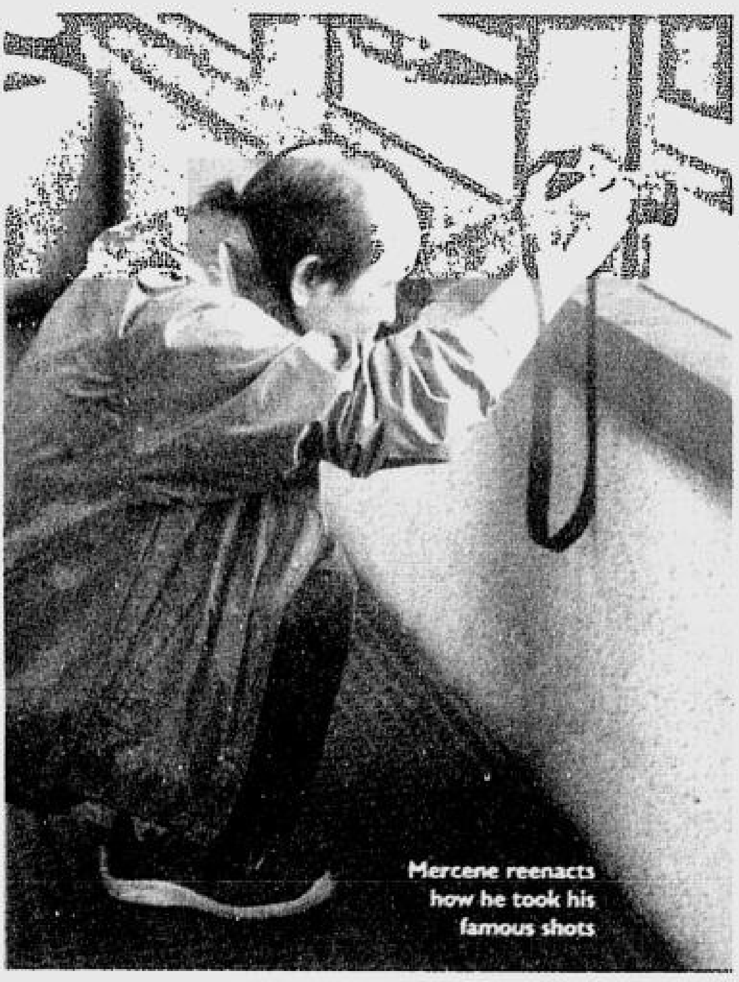
The shot seen round the world



ROGER MARGALLO

Mercene reenacts how he took his famous shots

By Ruel S. De Vera

AN unlikely set of confluent events resulted in Recto L. Mercene being at the Manila International Airport that fateful day of August 21, 1983 as the Times Journal's airport photographer/reporter.

Working since he was 18, Mercene was into a lot of things. "When I was very young, I wanted to be a pilot," he says in a mix of Filipino and English. But realizing the "inherent danger" in the profession, this licensed private pilot decided to try something else.

Why not journalism? mulled Mercene who was by then working as an air traffic controller. "I still thought it was important to get a college degree," says the Lyceum graduate. With his sharp reporter's mind, his long years in photography and an insider's experience about the aviation industry, he definitely had an edge over other reporters covering the airport.

Mercene started for the Philippine News Agency and eventually became a regular at the Journal. He had covered various events at the airport, but today was going to be different.

There had been a lot of talk about exiled Senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino, Jr., coming home that day. Security was very tight. The foreign media weren't allowed inside, Mercene remembers. He was one of the few local journalists inside the MIA building.

"We knew that Aquino would be flying in either on Cathay Pacific or China Airlines that day," Mercene explains. The Cathay plane arrived first, and the reporters made their way down to the tarmac through an exit they knew. An Avsecom van stopped in front of them and asked where they were going. Mercene said that the military men even offered them a ride but that the group decided to hoof it. He would later wonder if that van was involved in the eventual outcome somehow. "It probably wasn't because it was a different kind of van in the photographs," he says now.

After checking out all the passengers in the Cathay Pacific plane, Mercene realized that Aquino wasn't onboard. So the newsmen hurried back to the building. "We knew that the China Airlines plane was going to Bay 8. We even went up a baggage conveyor belt to get there."

When the China Airlines jet pulled up, Mercene and the others were already at the mouth of the passenger tube. "The military man had told us, 'Stay right here, (Ninoy) will surely come through here,'" he explains. Then, Mercene recounts, he heard "a distant shot." He thought that it was a gunshot, and when a series of shots followed, he was sure it was a gunfire.

Mercene stepped out of the tunnel and looked through one of the windows to his right. He saw a body prone on the ground next to the van. He had no idea who it was at the time. "It was all a blur. That's when I started shooting." His photographer's instinct took over. "As soon as the shots rang out, you took your photos; the hell with everybody else." But he was so nervous that his first frames were out of focus. Then he saw through his lens that the military men were waving their guns at him.

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Finding the Missing Pieces

By Eric S. Caruncho

Cameras figure prominently in Jose Mari Gonzales' life.

In the early 1960s, as a mestizo matinee idol, he starred in and produced dozens of movies for Sampaguita pictures. But in 1966, at the peak of his popularity, he gave up movie stardom to attend to his growing film production and music recording business. Unfortunately, his last on-cam appearance, during his stint as San Juan congressman a couple of years back, showed him in less-than-flattering light: administering a sound bitch-slapping to the House sergeant-at-arms.

Now Gonzales is back where he probably feels most comfortable: behind the mixing console of his digital recording studio.

Twenty years back, however, the former actor and congressman-to-be again heeded the call of the camera: as an expert on video called on by the Agrava commission to analyze the existing footage on the assassination of Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr.

"People were sending me tapes," recalls Gonzales of the days following the August 21 incident. At the time, he owned Cinema Audio, one of the largest film and video production houses in the country. "I was following it on television and recording off the air. One night, at about 2 a.m., two people from the US Embassy came to my house and gave me two videotapes marked 'Property of the FBI.' So I had all these tapes and it must have reached the Palace so they sent a colonel to my place to take a look."

When the Agrava commission was formed to investigate the Aquino assassination, Gonzales was called in as an expert witness. Setting up a working mini-studio in the basement of his home, he began piecing the footage together, enhancing the sound and reconstructing the events immediately before and after Aquino was felled by bullets on the tarmac of the Manila International Airport. Members of the commission would spend entire days at his house viewing the footage.

"I have my own interpretation of what happened based on the tapes," he says. Gonzales says he believes Aquino was shot twice. The first shot, fired from the front, only wounded him. The coup de grace was delivered as he lay on the tarmac, the bullet hitting an artery and splattering blood on the asphalt. He says Rolando Galman's corpse was then unloaded from a refrigerated van and placed on the tarmac. He believes the body was still frozen stiff, which was why it was left on the tarmac for several hours before being taken to the morgue.

Much to his surprise, when his turn came to testify, all he was asked to do was identify the suspects based on the video footage.

"I did not agree with the Agrava board," he recalls. "They asked me to send them my bill, which would have amounted to two and a half million pesos. *Hindi ko siningil.* Maybe I'm stupid for not sending them the bill, but I didn't want to give them the

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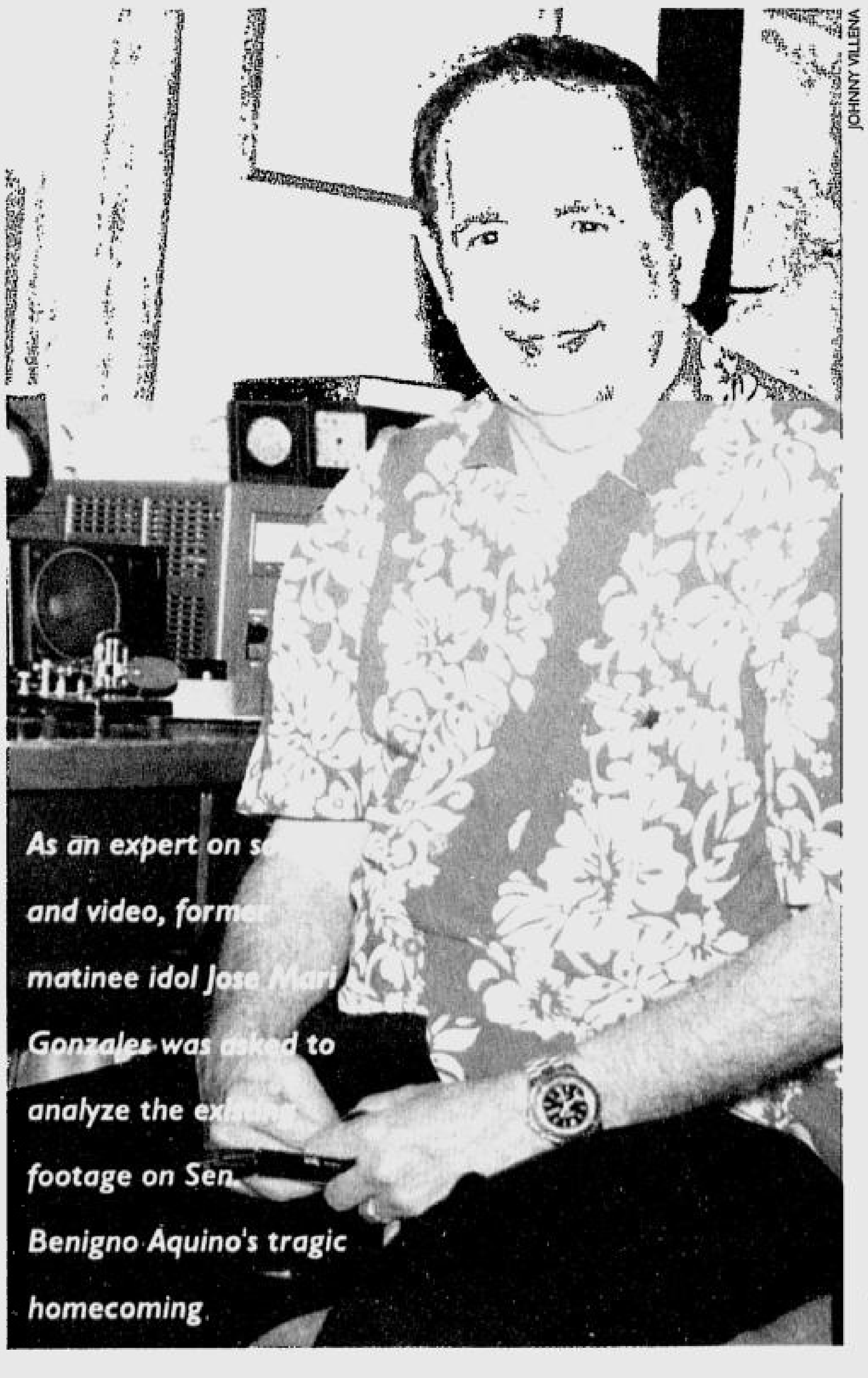

JOHNNY VILLENA

As an expert on s[illegible] and video, former matinee idol Jose Mari Gonzales was asked to analyze the existing footage on Sen. Benigno Aquino's tragic homecoming.

The Ateneo-La Salle Rivalry: A Basketball Addict's Dream

In any aspect of life, there is a counterpoint. Something that is one's opposite. An antithesis, an adversary, a rival. Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier set the boxing world on its ear with three titanic bouts that no one will forget. Toyota and Crispa defined Philippine basketball for a generation with their hardcourt exploits in the 1970s. The 1980s saw Magic Johnson's Los Angeles Lakers and Larry Bird's Boston Celtics win a combined eight NBA titles between them, even as each player aimed for basketball immortality. In Philippine sports however, one rivalry has endured the test of time: the Ateneo de Manila University and De La Salle University.

This past August 9, the most intense rivalry in Philippine sports history was revisited once more as the defending UAAP Champion Ateneo Blue Eagles clashed with last year's runner-up, the multi-titled De La Salle Green Archers. As always, fans and alumni of these hallowed schools trooped to the Araneta Coliseum to support their basketball gladiators. Clad in the blue and white of the Ateneo or the green and white of La Salle, the Big Dome was filled to the rafters once more, just as it was in three tumultuous games in last year's UAAP Finals.

As can be expected in the games between these rivals, each team's respective stars shone bright, seeking to topple the other. Veteran gunner Larry Fonacier, versatile swingman Wesley Gonzales, and dangerous court general LA Tenorio took care of the offensive chores for the boys from Katipunan. Two-time UAAP Most Valuable Player Rich Alvarez concentrated on rebounding and defending versus the Archers. For their part, the Taft-based dribblers banked on the slashing exploits of "The Ninja" Joseph Yeo, timely incursions from "Captain Hook" Mac Cardona, and scrappy play from point guard TY Tang.

Amid the hype and hoopla of the Ateneo-La Salle clash, fans in attendance and viewers on television might have noticed something peculiar on the arms and heads of these players. A unique red, black, and white logo was evident on players' armbands and headbands, not just in the game between the Eagles and the Archers. Players from other playing UAAP schools also wore the unique "i" logo of the latest player in the celfone market: Addict Mobile.

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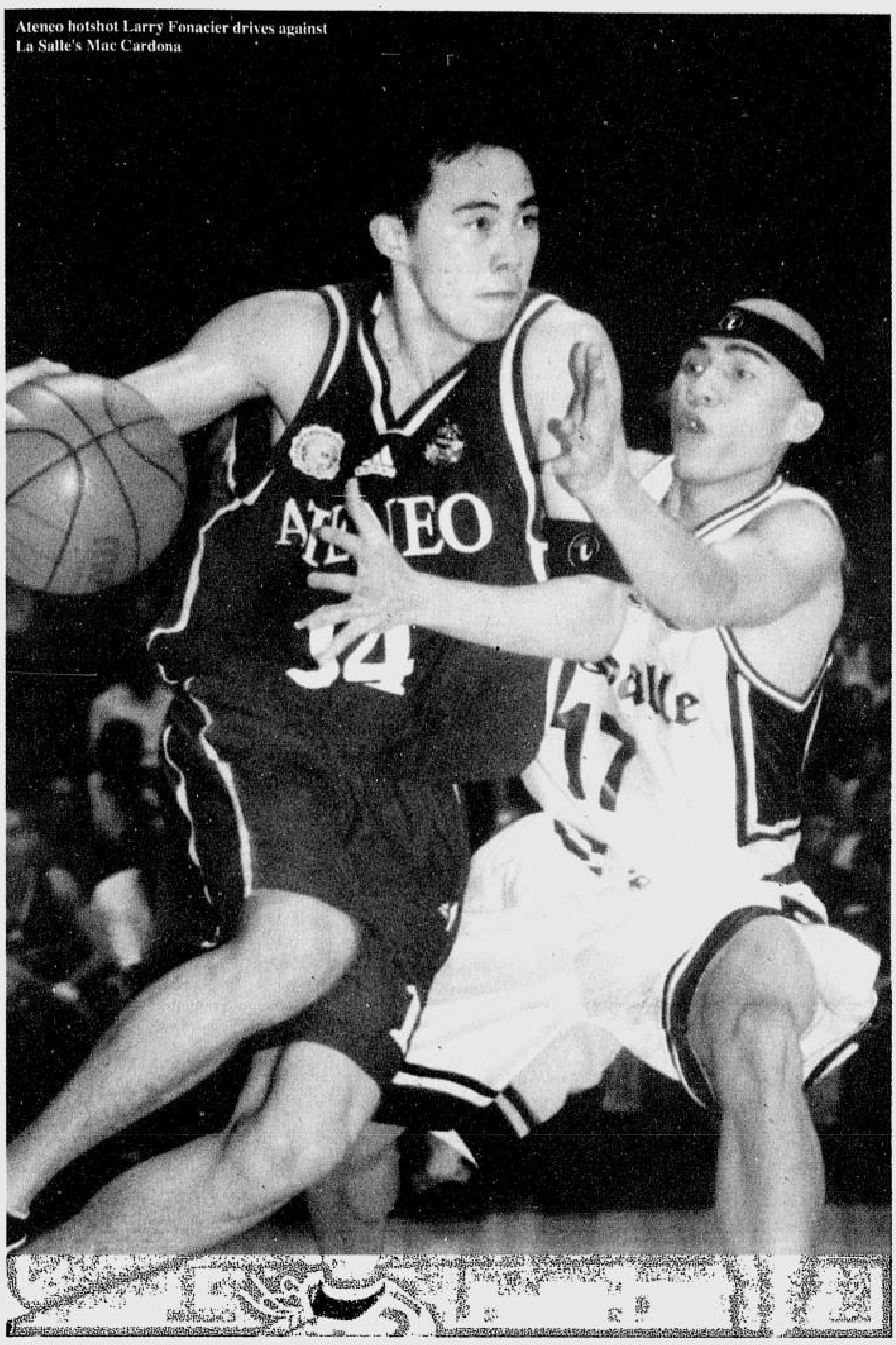
The game itself served as a masterful stroke for the defending champion Eagles. Gaining strength from the screams of "One big fight!" and "Fabilioh!" from the Atenean gallery, the Hail Mary squad rushed to a double digit lead to end the first half. Things only got worse for the Archers as Gonzales, Fonacier, and Tenorio helped increase the lead to a whopping 25 points in the third canto. But La Salle's pride would not let this lead go any further. Buoyed by the "Rektikano!" and "Animo La Salle!" cheers from their fans, the Green Archers got on a huge roll in the final quarter, even cutting the lead down to ten points.

But that was the last gasp for the Lasallians. The experience of the Blue Eagles allowed them to weather the green storm, emerging as final victor evidenced by an 82-68 win. After the drums and cheers had silenced, after last ounce of sweat had been wiped from the hardwood floor, Ateneans everywhere celebrated this latest conquest over their bitter rivals. The win gave them a share of second place in the current UAAP tournament. Yet there was a sense of wariness to this victory, the Eagles know something which the Archers are already focused on: there's still a second round to look forward to.


Ateneo hotshot Larry Fonacier drives against La Salle's Mac Cardona

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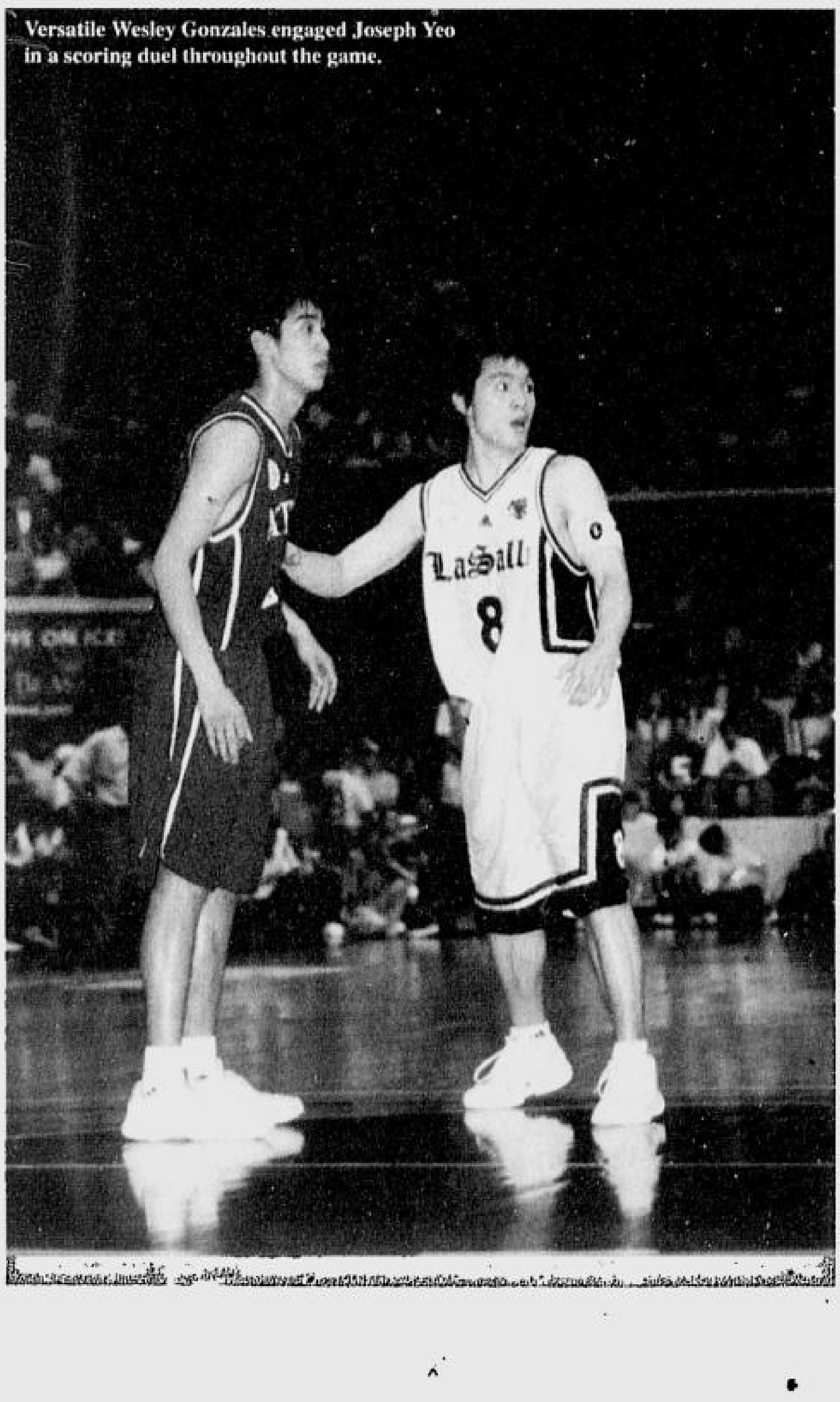
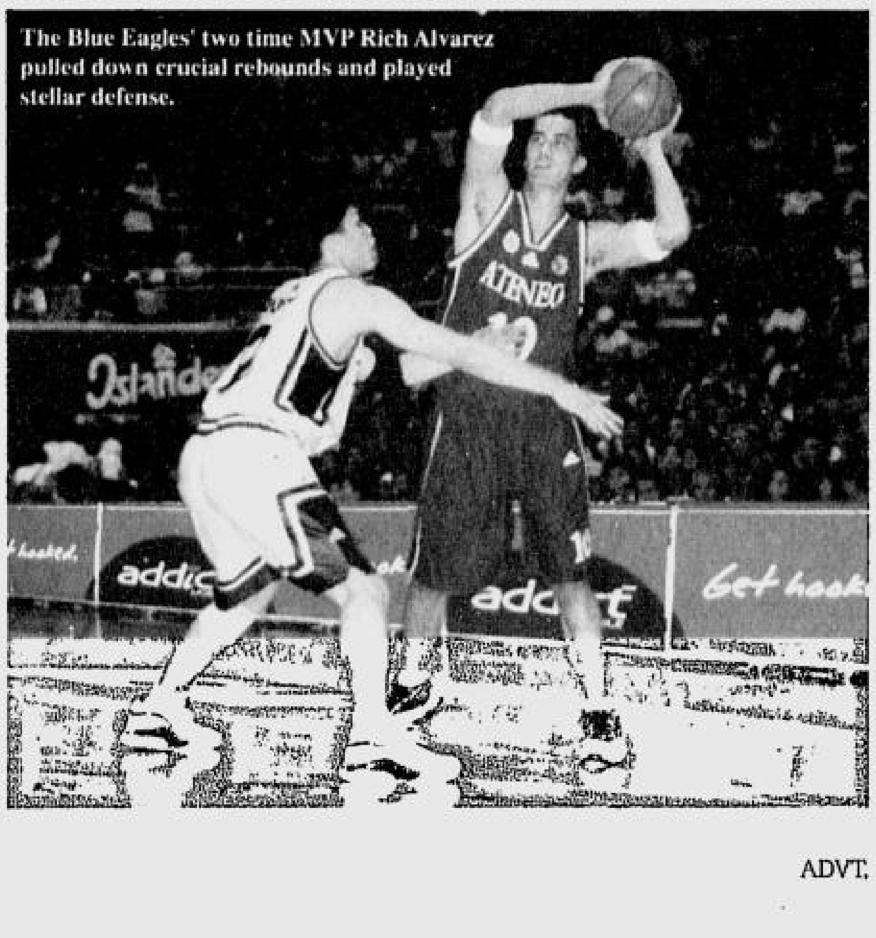

Versatile Wesley Gonzales engaged Joseph Yeo in a scoring duel throughout the game.

Wesley Gonzales aims for the hoop.

The Archers' court general, TY Tang


The Blue Eagles' two time MVP Rich Alvarez pulled down crucial rebounds and played stellar defense.

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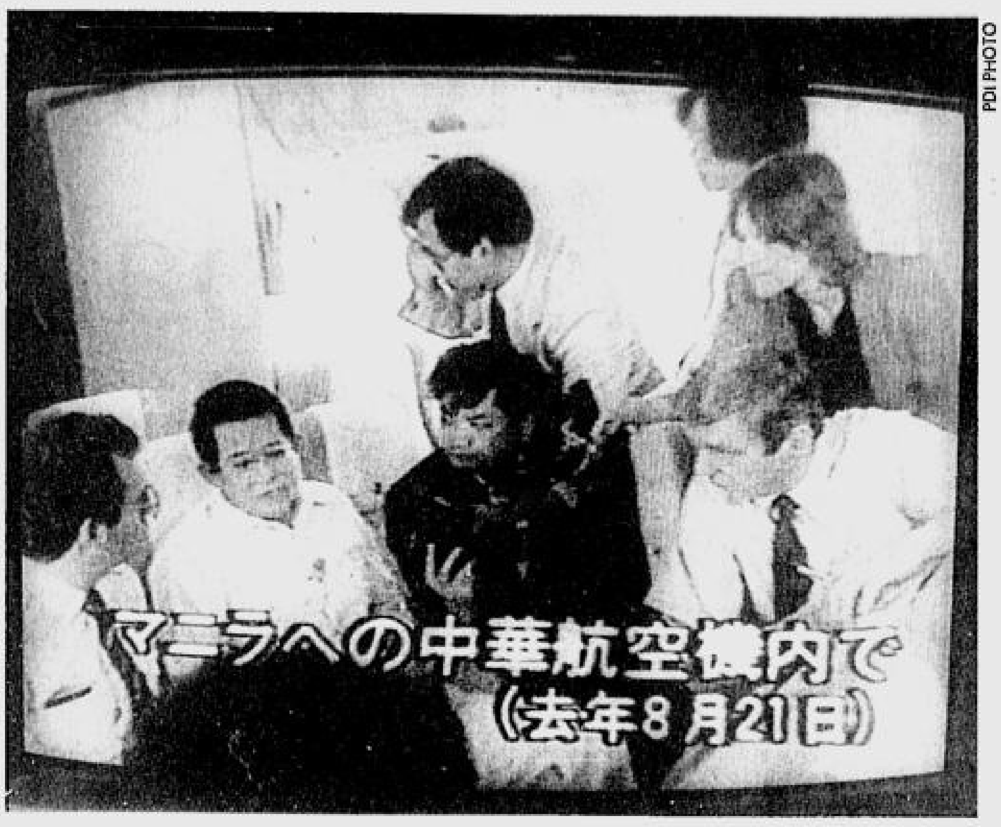
Remembering a Martyr's Last Flight


マニラへの中華航空機内で
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ABC News correspondent Ken Kashiwahara remembers how upbeat his brother-in-law was during their plane ride home

By Ken Kashiwahara

IT SEEMS like only yesterday when we began August 21, 1983, at the Grand Hotel in Taiwan, packed and ready to go to the airport for the flight to Manila. Ninoy was both excited and anxious about finally going home after three years in exile. He was wearing his favorite white suit with the "BSA" (Benigno S. Aquino Jr.) patch on the front pocket.

Above right: Japanese TV footage of Sen. Aquino's last plane ride; Top: Kashiwahara today

He breakfasted on eggs, chopped up and mixed with ketchup, which I said looked like an awful, inedible concoction. He laughed but kept on eating. We joked that perhaps we should handcuff ourselves together when we landed in Manila. He was very upbeat. At the same time, he was anxious, because we had secretly planned his return home for three months, trying to keep Marcos from discovering his exact route and preventing him from getting to Manila.

There was still a chance Ninoy would be stopped and detained at the Taipei airport. Indeed, when we got there, he was met by the Taiwan Garrison Commander. But he simply wanted to wish Ninoy a safe journey. After that encounter, we both knew that Marcos officials had pinpointed his flight and time of arrival. Clearly, he would be met in Manila and taken back to prison in Fort Bonifacio. Or so I thought.

On the plane, the journalists created a huge commotion, trying to photograph and inteview Ninoy. One of the pictures they took is now on the P500 bill. At one point, I looked back and saw Ninoy gazing downward, very pensive, posing for a photographer. I went to see what serious matter he was contemplating. It was the menu. We laughed. Neither one of us ate lunch that day. Too nervous. At another point, I turned to say something to him and he was deep in prayer, reciting the rosary, his third that day.

Just before we landed, Ninoy turned to me and gave me a box. It was a watch, and I guess was his way of saying thank you. I was deeply touched.

I had decided to travel with him because we thought at least one family member should be with him on one of the most important journeys of his life.

Throughout the flight, there was the fear that the plane would be turned back and prevented from landing. So when the China Airlines plane touched down, Ninoy breathed a sigh of relief.

When the plane reached the gate and the engines were shut down, we were told to remain in our seats. I saw the soldiers coming up the stairs of the jetway, and told Ninoy they were coming to get him, to take him back to prison, I assumed.

There was so much tension inside the plane you could cut through it with a knife. Camera crews were standing on seats to take pictures. Everyone was straining to see what was going on as the soldiers came down the aisle. As they led him away, I yelled to Ninoy, "Noy, I'm coming with you." He was supposed to tell the soldiers that he wanted his brother-in-law to accompany him. He forgot. He turned back to me and said, "Yeah, come on." Those were the last words I heard him utter. I tried to follow. So did the journalists and photographers. But when we got to the door of the jetway, the door was slammed shut and we were blocked.

Nine seconds later, as we later calculated, I heard the first shot, followed by a fusillade of gunfire. I was horrified. I tried to push my way out the door to see what had happened, but it was blocked again. I yelled some expletives. I was shaking with anger.

When I ran back into the plane, the faces of the journalists were ashen with shock and horror. They had seen Ninoy's bloody body on the tarmac. All they could say was, "I'm sorry." I knew he had been shot. I refused to believe he was dead. I ran down the jetway to immigration. There was a long line. I went to the front of the line, saying, "My brother-in-law has been shot." The passengers stepped aside, allowing me to go through. I was looking for my wife, Lupita, Ninoy's sister, who had gone ahead of us to help prepare his arrival.

When I found her, I just kept muttering, "The bastards shot him." I still refused to believe he was dead. She took me to the VIP room, where Ninoy's mother was waiting, along with leaders of the opposition. When I found Mommy Aurora, she stared at me as if looking for some words of hope. I couldn't bring myself to tell her what had happened.

We finally went to the house of Maur and Esto Lichauco, Ninoy's sister and brother-in-law. There, Lupita took a call from an officer at Fort Bonifacio, telling her that Ninoy was there. She kept yelling into the phone: "Is he dead or alive?" The officer refused to say. She and her friend Ditas Sevilla quickly left the house to go

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First Person

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

Facing Darkness at Noon

That moment defined us. We remember exactly where we were when we heard the news. As one, we plunged headlong into our grief, and in that state of pain, we became

EACH of us remembers where we were, what we were, how we were, the way we were--when we heard the news. We were somewhere in our lives--when the single gun shot, followed by rapid gunfire, rang out that brilliant day in August of 1983.

That moment defined us. We fumbled in tears and disbelief to define the moment, give it a name, a meaning. Then, as one, we plunged headlong into our grief, and in that state of pain, we became.

And where were you? Where was I?

I was at home, waiting, the way writers wait or are made to wait. I was ready to go anywhere, any time on that day.

Then an ashen face, a shaking voice on government television—I think it was Dada Lorenzana—said: Ninoy Aquino had been shot. And it looked like he was lifeless, or something like that. I don't recall now if she said something about another guy, nameless as yet, who was also shot dead on the tarmac.

There was no mirror in front of me but I felt and knew that blood had drained from my face. Pacing up and down, with my hands clasping my chest, I let out a primal cry: "They did it! Oh my God, they really did it! Oh God, oh God, they really did it." Alas, English was the language of my grief, I realize now. I was hyperventilating.

The phone rang. My media colleague Paulynn Sicam was sobbing on the phone. Moments later, I was on the phone with another colleague. Where was one to go next? There was nothing one could do but wait.

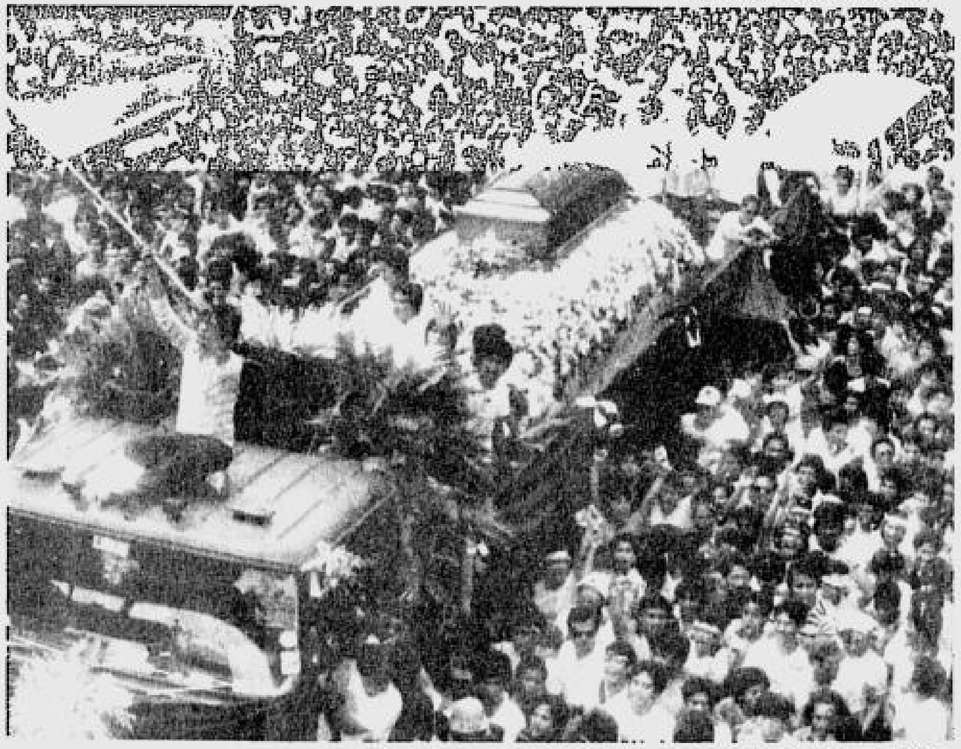
I was up early the next day. I was among the first to go to the Aquino home on Times Street, West Triangle, Quezon City. There were very few people then and I simply walked in. I stood by the bier, gazing at Ninoy and the bruises on his face. He had fallen face down. I did not expect him to be wearing the same bloodied shirt. I thought he looked so natural. There was no glass lid on the coffin yet and I could have touched Ninoy with my bare hands without being reprimanded. But where was everybody, I thought. It was all so quiet.

I was back there again the day Ninoy's widow, Cory Aquino, arrived and held a press conference. The place had become so busy and Ninoy's coffin now had a glass lid on it. The queue outside was starting to get longer and people were tugging at the yellow ribbons that were still on the trees.

By the time Ninoy's remains were transferred to Sto. Domingo Church a few days later, the song "Tie A Yellow Ribbon" had become the anthem of the streets. Yellow ribbons were multiplying all over.

The days following were a flurry of activities—meetings mostly—for both the organized and the unorganized, the activists and the non-activists, the veterans and the newly awakened. I got drawn into the Justice for Aquino, Justice for All Movement, a multi-sectoral, ecumenical gathering that saw the reds and the yellows forging unity. What a mix! A groundswell had begun. And it was not just in Metro Manila but in the rest of the country as well.

Photo by JOHN CHUA from the book "People Power: Eyewitness to History"



Aquino funeral: One for the books

In one of the meetings, I was assigned to write the intercessory prayer of the media sector to be read during the funeral mass. It was read by movie director Lino Brocka. I wore a black ribbon in the shape of an inverted V during the funeral. This was before supporters started mass producing black plastic pins with the words, "Ninoy, *hindi ka nag-iisa* (you are not alone)."

Ninoy's funeral was one for the books, surpassing even that of India's Mahatma Gandhi who was similarly gunned down by an assassin. I was a speck in that stream of humanity that walked, drenched in the rain, on fire with hope, awash in flowers. Like so many others, I wore yellow. I walked among fellow anti-Marcos activists, the hardy veterans of the streets.

Lightning struck a tree and killed someone who was perched on a branch. That was the headline story in one newspaper the next day. From Sto. Domingo Church in Quezon City, I marched, walked, jogged with the rest for about five hours and got as far as the middle of the Roxas Boulevard stretch which was not even a fifth of the entire distance to Ninoy's final resting place at the Manila Memorial Park in Parañaque.

Despite the thunderstorm early on, the walking was easy. We've had countless protest marches before Ninoy was killed, some crossing provincial borders. It was the hunger, the thirst and the exhaustion of being in a steamy, slowly plodding crowd that made me decide to finally stand aside and watch the rest go forward a little longer, and for new bodies to take my place in that long endless ribbon of humanity.

It was close to sunset when I headed for home. Ninoy would finally be interred a few hours before midnight, more than 10 hours after the funeral march began. There would be many more long marches in the days, weeks, months and a few years ahead before the tyranny finally came to an end.

After those gunshots in the airport, we began marching as one. We became one wound, but we were rising to life.

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tapes."

Gonzales believes there was a concerted effort to cover up the facts right after the assassination.

"Channel 4 had the best vantage point looking down on the tarmac," he says. "I was watching footage shot by the Channel 7 crew, and when they panned, you could see two Channel 4 cameramen shooting the scene below from above the stairs. I told the Agrava commission about this, but when they subpoenaed the Channel 4 tapes, they were told that the studio where the tapes were kept had burned down," he laughs.

"Those two Channel 4 cameramen saw what really happened, and they are nowhere to be found," he adds.

There were other suspicious lapses, he says. The NBI had received two voice print analyzers as donations from the US government, but when they were sent for to be used in the inquiry, the commission was informed that they had been "accidentally plugged into a 220-volt outlet" and got destroyed.

Although his stint as an expert witness was short-lived, the events following the Aquino assassination were instrumental in his subsequent entry into politics. But now, he says, he is disillusioned by his first-hand experience with corruption in the corridors of power, and is only too glad to return to private life and the relative calm of his studio.

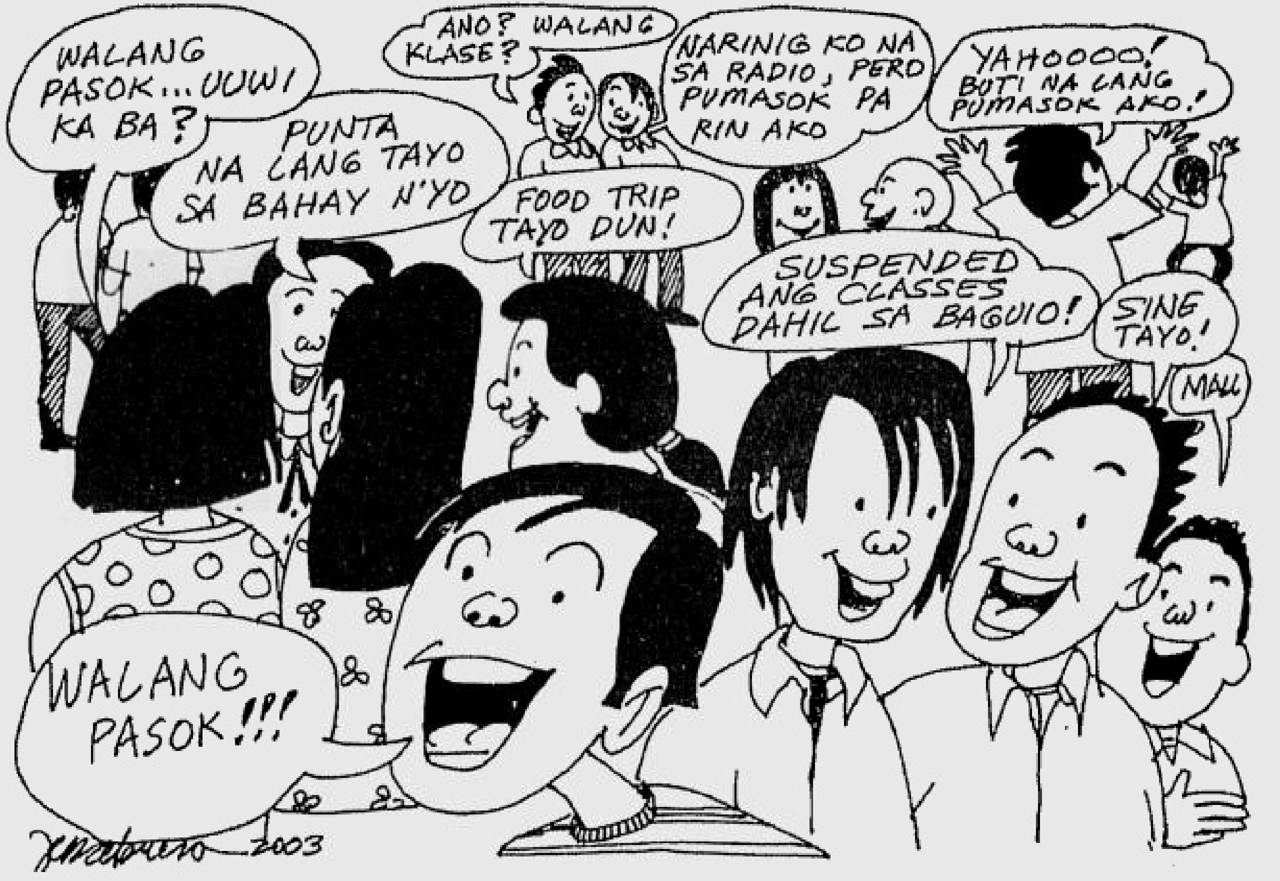
"Definitely, there are still facts to be uncovered," he says of the assassination. "Maybe one day I will write down my version of what happened. Maybe one day they (the two cameramen) will be brave enough to come forward. I believe that if they reopen the case, many more will come forward, and we will know who the mastermind is."

Instant replay: Gonzales identifies the suspects based on the video footage during the Agrava inquiry in 1983-1984

Pinoy Nga

By Jess Abrera

Class Suspended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"So I instinctively ducked, but I shot the rest of my roll without looking through the window."

In the ensuing chaos, the only thing the other journalists could think of was getting out of there. They realized to their horror that the exits were all locked. "We were scared because we thought we could be eliminated as well since we had already taken the photos." Mercene exited the building by taking a seldom-used elevator. "I knew the building like the back of my hand. I think I walked out and then took public transportation to the Journal because I was afraid my car had been booby-trapped."

Once back at the office, Mercene hurriedly had the film developed, instructing the labman to make as many prints as possible. "Make them all eight-by-tens," he barked. He knew they were all on the clock. Sure enough, the military confiscated the film soon after. But Mercene already had the prints he needed.

The rest, of course, is photographic history. His pictures of the tragedy on the tarmac have become etched in popular memory as the definitive image of Aquino's assassination. Even after the pictures ran, Mercene notes that he was not harassed by the military at any point. "Being so naïve, I even went back the next day to ask for the film." He never got it. He was, however, able to retrieve his car, which was still in the same spot he had parked it. And it wasn't booby-trapped.

Today, the film is said to be in the possession of the Sandiganbayan. "I do plan to get that film back someday," Mercene notes. He considers August 21, 20 years back as the highlight of his career, but says it didn't really change things for him. "For me, it was just another assignment. I'm still a photojournalist today, I'm still doing the same things."

Now 58, Mercene covers both the airport and Malacañang for the broadsheet Today. Married to wife Henedina, he has three children, the eldest of whom is an intern at the Makati Medical Center.

Mercene remains the consummate media professional, hurtling between his beats and meeting deadlines. But he has no regrets, he says. "This is the best job in the world," he enthuses. When he sets foot at the airport with camera at the ready, he knows, more than others, just why the Manila International Airport is now known as the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. He was there and has the photos to prove it.

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Lupita, told the group that "Ninoy had been shot and confirmed dead."

Then the family was told that they could now visit Ninoy at Fort Bonifacio. Congressman Aquino recalls: "Hundreds of soldiers guarded the place and there was this man lying in bed, his face covered with blood." But was it his brother?

Aquino looked at the man's feet and knew. "If I wanted to talk to Ninoy before his other visitors came calling, I had to see him before 6 a.m.," he says. The senator would usually be in bed reading the papers, so his feet were the most visible part of him. "I know his feet and I recognized them instantly," says Aquino.

Still, he could not believe it. "It did not register." It was only by 2 a.m. when the body was brought out to be prepared for viewing that the events of the last 14 hours started sinking in. "By then, I had lost track of time; I didn't even know what had happened to the people I brought to the airport," recounts the Makati congressman.

BUT people certainly never lost track of him after that day. From being merely Ninoy's brother, Butz Aquino came into his own as leader of several cause-oriented groups, speaking at anti-Marcos rallies and joining protest marches.

"Before August 21, 1983, I didn't much like politics," says Aquino. "My involvement ended with my civic work with the Jaycees." After Ninoy's assassination, Aquino started joining "red flag organizations although I didn't know what they meant."

But joining the parliament of the streets from 1983 to 1987 when he actively campaigned for a new constitution gave Aquino enough media mileage for him to mull the idea of entering politics full-time.

"I had planned to run as Tarlac governor but realized that if I landed in second place, I'd be out," he recalls. If he tried for the Senate, he could land in the middle and still be among the 24 elected in the 1987 polls. "I landed second, after (Sen. Jovito) Salonga!" Aquino says gleefully. He admits however that Cory and Ninoy helped get him the votes. "It was 1/3 Ninoy, 1/3 Cory and 1/3 me," he says.

Since then, he has run and won twice as senator and twice as Makati representative, but surprised most of his former allies when he chose to align his politics with those of former President Joseph Estrada. Indeed, Aquino has often rushed to the defense of the beleaguered former actor despite criticisms that he has turned his back on the Ninoy legacy. "That all depends on your point of view," he responds. "I like Ninoy's social principles and his concern for the masses. That has not changed with me."

He believes in Estrada, he says. "While he is guilty of some administrative offences, I doubt very much if the plunder charges are true."

The break from the Cory Aquino camp he traces to the 1992 elections. "I was a party man so we all supported the party decision to draft Speaker (Ramon) Mitra to the presidency. But then Cory supported FVR." The in-laws had another run-in over the bases. "I was part of the Magnificent 12 in the Senate who voted to get rid of the US bases while Cory supported an extension of the lease."

But they still talk, he says of Ninoy's widow. "We're very civil to each other."

Still, the man who admits to being stubborn, knows there are more fireworks ahead-- and more recriminations about betraying his brother's ideals—should he choose to run for his last term in Congress in 2004. For one thing, Aquino supports the presidential bid of highly controversial Sen. Panfilo Lacson. "I like his programs," he says.

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see for themselves. Some time later, Lupita called me to confirm our worst fears. Ninoy was dead. I called Cory in Boston. She had already heard.

In the days that followed, I tried to make sense of what had happened. Perhaps it was familial bias, but I truly felt that Ninoy represented the best hope for a free Philippines. To me, his brutal death was a total waste of a talent that comes along once in a lifetime. All because of the arrogance of power.

Ninoy had been in exile for three years and in prison for seven years and seven months. During all that time; the country's controlled press didn't say much about him, so I had always wondered if he had been forgotten. It didn't take long for an answer.

Beginning the night of August 21st, after Ninoy's body had been taken to his house on Times Street to lie in state, people began lining up to pay their respects. They came night and day. I once got up at 3 a.m. and they were still filing past the casket, looking at the bloodied body, saying a prayer. He had not been forgotten.

After Cory and the children arrived from Boston, we marched with the body from the house to Sto. Domingo Church. Hundreds of thousands of people lined the street and marched with us. Millions turned out for the funeral. They adopted a slogan: "Ninoy, *hindi ka nag-iisa* (You are not alone)."

Perhaps, I thought, just perhaps, his death was not entirely in vain. To me, one of the defining moments in the days after Ninoy's death was the answer to the question, who could or would take up Ninoy's cause, if anyone? All her life, Cory had been a housewife with no political ambitions. No one knew how active she would now become with Ninoy gone. As we walked with the casket to Sto. Domingo, she called to me. The Marcos regime had wanted to offer condolences, but she said, "I want to say I refuse to accept their condolences until all political prisoners are released." We called a press conference. From that moment, the gauntlet was thrown, the battle was joined, the widow would become the lead warrior in the fight for freedom and democracy. Ninoy's cause would not die with him. The rest, as they say, is history.

Today, my most vivid memory of Ninoy is of the way he was that last day, full of life and unbounded optimism, committed to freeing Filipinos from the shackles of repression. He was a man on the move, and he wanted to move his country out of dictatorship and back to democracy. He demonstrated by his life and his death what it means to have the courage of one's convictions. He made me a part of his cause, and for that I will be forever grateful.

I took his loss very personally. I became bitter and angry until I realized that his sacrifice was the spark that awakened the Filipino people and led to People Power and ultimately to the death of dictatorship.

After Ninoy's assassination, I went back to my job as an ABC TV News correspondent until I retired in 1998. My wife Lupita and I still live in the San Francisco area traveling and enjoying a life of leisure, although she still directs TV shows and movies in the Philippines while I attempt to play golf.

Sometimes I wonder if any of us have learned the lessons of Ninoy's life and death. He came home prepared to say, "The Filipino is worth dying for." I wonder what he would say now.

Given the events of the past month, I wonder if he wouldn't be just a little disappointed with what the country has done with its freedom and democracy.

My dream is that the people remember him as more than just a statue, or a face on a P500 bill or a name on the airport. My hope is that they remember his ideals of freedom and try to live up to them. Twenty years later, my hope is that people still remember what they cried 20 years ago: "Ninoy, *hindi ka nag iisa*."

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Contact Center Association of the Philippines

The Contact Center Association of the Philippines (CCAP) is the only organization of outsource contact center service providers in the country. It was originally founded by seven companies in October of 2001. Since then, its membership has grown to 17 of the top players in the booming call center industry.

The Association's main goal is to promote the Philippines as the country-of-choice for outsourced contact center services. Its members are committed to upholding and conituing to improve the quality and reliability of the services they provide. They strive to tap, hone and guide toward productive ends the skills, talents and traits for which the Filipino is known worldwide: our friendly attitude and innate warmth as a people, the high literacy and education of our workforce, their technical prowess, innovation, multilingual capability and dedication to work.

In pursuing this goal, CCAP, working in tandem with the government, has participated in several industry-wide promotional activities since its inception. These include the International Call Center Management (ICCM) Conference and Exposition in Chicago in July 2002, the E-Services exhibition held at the World Trade Center last February, the National Jobs Fair, sponsored by the Philippine Senate, and the BPO conference in New York, as part of the President's US state visit this May (together with the Contact Federation Philippines).

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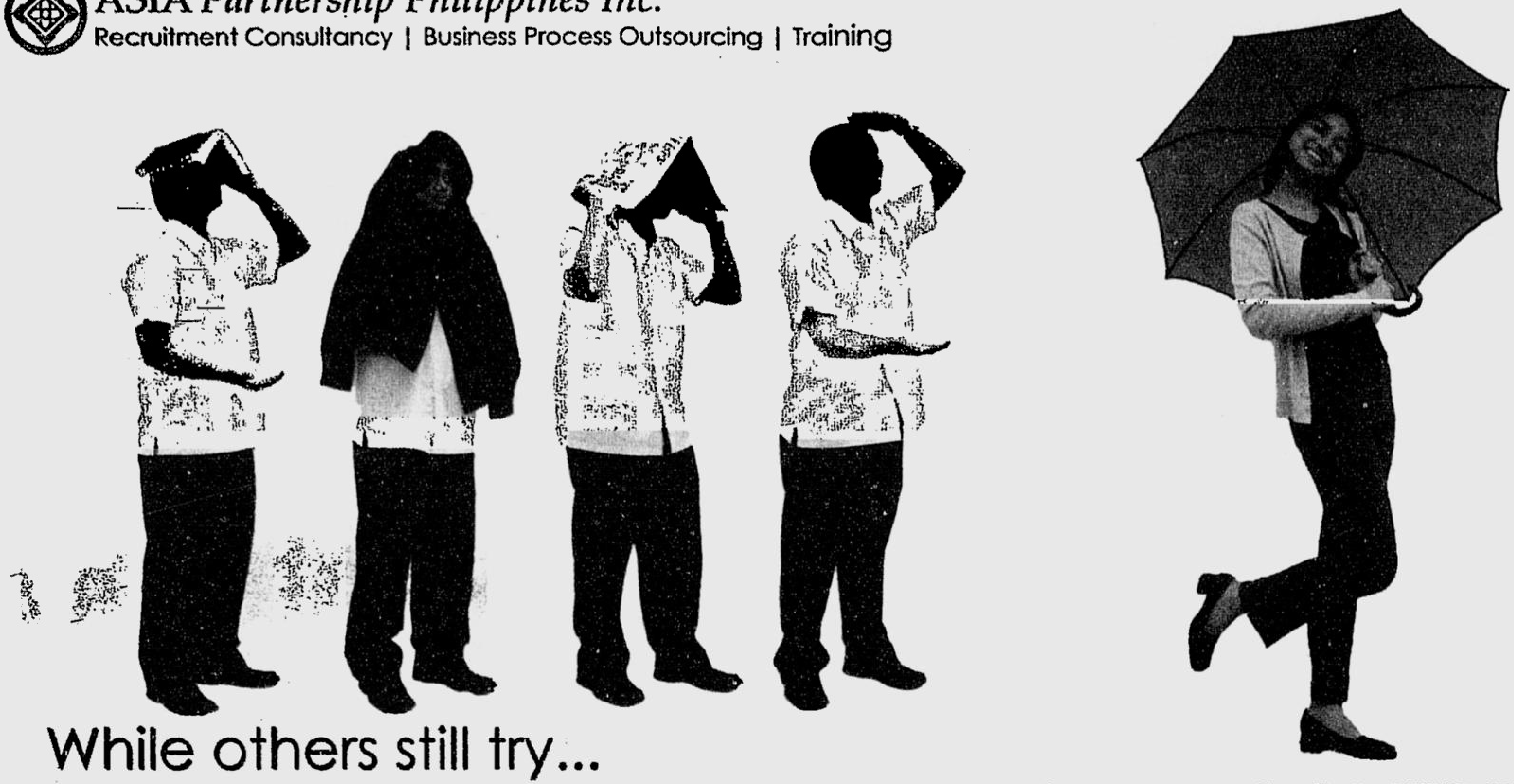

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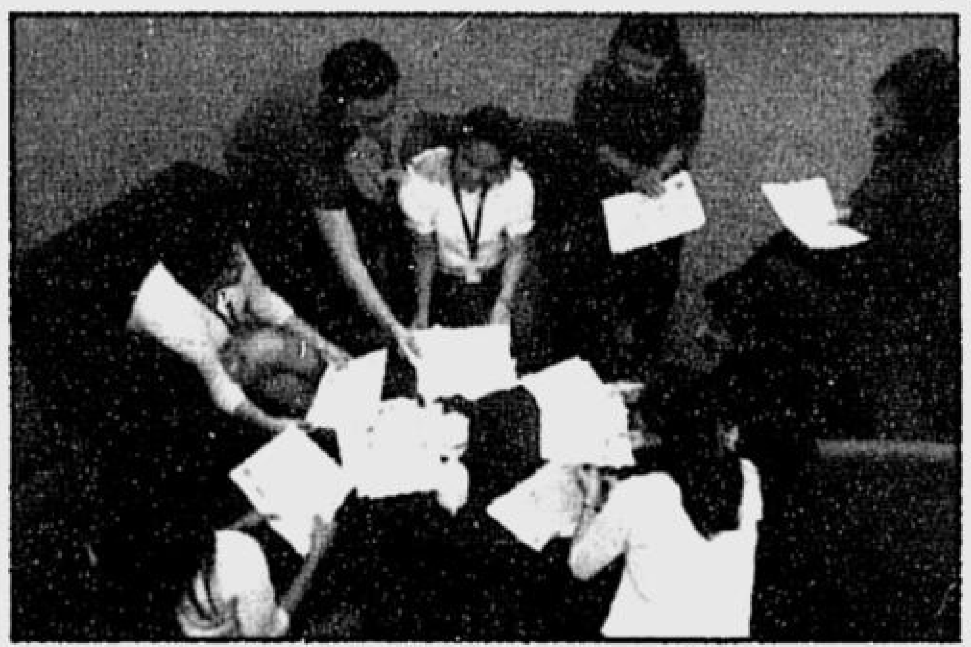

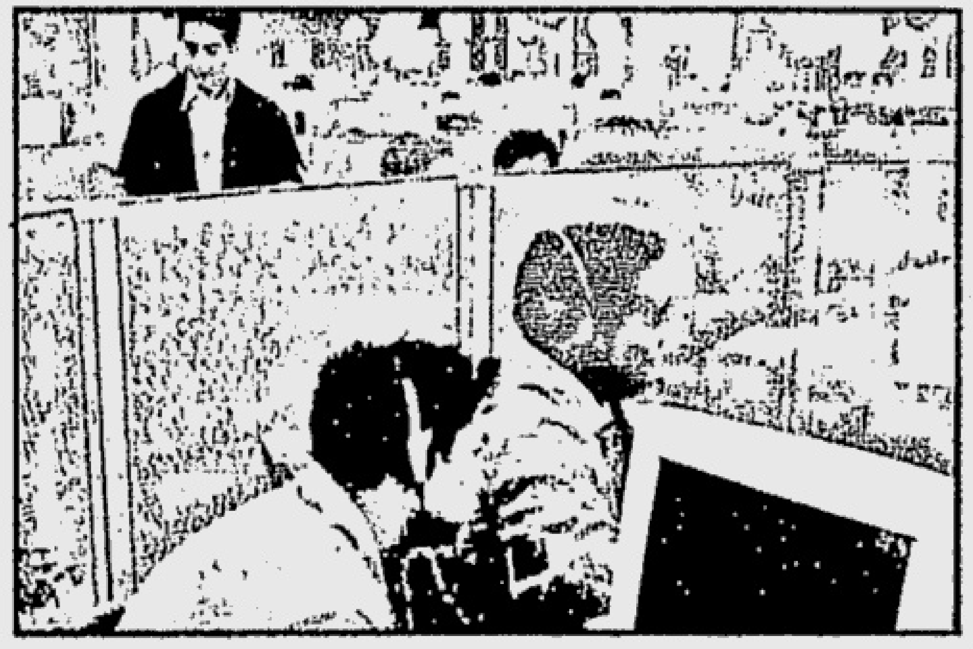

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It is with pride that I congratulate the members of the Contact Center Association of the Philippines for joining the International Call Center Management Conference and Exposition in Chicago, USA, this 26-28 August 2003 and for promoting the Philippines in the international community.

I also commend all the CCAP members for your continuous effort to provide jobs to our young pool of talented and skilled individuals and help them be more competitive and evolve to become universal workers.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr.
Chairman, Senate Committee on Science and Tecnology

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Message from the President

Warmest greetings to all readers of this Special Advertising Supplement of the Contact Center Association of the Philippines!

The coming of this supplement strengthens CCAP's thrust of creating thousands of jobs for the Filipino people by featuring some of the largest and most competitive call centers in the Philippines. With the continuous growth of projects in existing call centers and the entry of new players, more and more Filipino knowledge workers are being given world class careers.

This also supports a very important year for CCAP. With US companies' focus on costs continuing, the migration of services offered in the continental US to offshore locations is in full swing. Last year was marked by 100% growth for contact center projects in the Philippines with this year looking even better due to the establishment of Philippine-based operations hubs of US contact centers like Convergys and the inking of more JV agreements by local contact centers with foreign partners.

Our big push last year happened at the International Call Center Management Conference and Exposition in Chicago where CCAP, through the help of Senator Ramon Magsaysay, Jr., showcased our country's potential as an operations base for contact center services. CCAP had an impressive showing at the event with a gorgeous pavilion and genuine Filipino hospitality. At the event, our own eTelecare won the best outsourcer award. Best outsourcer, in the world! This year, CCAP goes to Chicago again to strengthen the Philippines' position as the world's premier contact center hub.

The time to bring in business is NOW! Readers, join us as we raise the flag by working together to make our association the collection of the most credible, hardest working and respected contact centers, not only in the Philippines but, IN THE WORLD!

Mabuhay!

Raffy David, Pilipinas Teleserv, Inc,
President, CCAP

CCAP joins ICCM Conference anew

Members of CCAP will once again represent the Philippine contact center industry in the International Call Center Management (ICCM) Conference and Exposition in Chicago, Illinois, USA on August 26-28.

ICCM is the largest and most comprehensive event for call centers around the world. This conference has set the standard in the industry for management-level education, dependable content, comprehensive supplier exhibits and significant networking opportunities.

In 2002, thirteen CCAP members were represented in the event held at the world-class exhibit center, McCormick Place. The theme then was *Outsource Philippines: We Speak Your Language.* It was the first time that the Philippines as an offshore location for call centers was represented in the event. The Philippine booth was reportedly one of the most visited sites in the entire exhibit area, mostly because of the stir that the country's call center industry had created in the two short years prior to the event.

One of the founding members of CCAP, eTelecare, with exclusive operations in the Philippines, was given two major awards during the event, including Best Outsourcer. Best outsourcer in the world!

This year, seventeen CCAP members will again proudly raise the Philippine flag in ICCM to strengthen the country's premier position as a contact center hub. The delegation will invite the call center world to *"Come Shine With Us"*, this year's theme which showcases the bright outlook of the industry and the opportunity for potential outsourcers and offshore locators to share in our success.

The Philippine booth will be equipped with audio-visual facilities that will feature presentations on the local call center industry as well as videos of CCAP members. Likewise, a PC inside the booth in Chicago will be directly connected with a workstation in Manila, which will enable visitors to hear for themselves the quality of English that Filipinos are capable of delivering and the dedication to complete customer care of our workforce. This point-to-point link will be provided by Asia Netcom.

This official trade mission is funded by the office of Sen. Ramon Magsaysay, Jr. and is organized by CITEM under the Department of Trade and Industry. The delegation is also sponsored by i3G Networks, Inc.

The Philippine booth in ICCM 2002, which carried the theme *Outsource Philippines: We Speak Your Language*, featured 13 CCAP members.

1st CCAP Bowling Cup kicks off

The Contact Center Association of the Philippines recently launched the 1st CCAP Bowling Cup at the Powerbowl in Rockwell's Power Plant Mall. The tournament has been organized to foster camaraderie and friendly competition among the management and staff of the Association's members.

Twelve teams are currently vying for the right to be called the first champion of this annual event. They are Advanced Contact Solutions, Contact World, C-Cubed, ePacific, ePerformax, eTelecare, Infonxx, PeopleSupport, Pilipinas Teleserv, Qinteraction, Sykes, and the CCAP All Stars Team.

The games were formally opened by CCAP Chair, Bong Borja, Managing Director of PeopleSupport. In his speech, Borja said that the tournament is a way to give something back to the heart and soul of call centers, its agents, and to nurture better friendships among CCAP members.

The tournament runs a single-round robin format for three groups of four teams. The top two teams in each group will advance to the second round where a series of matches will be played to determine two teams that will compete for the top prize.

Held for four Fridays in August beginning on August 1, the tournament is sponsored by Avaya (Opening Day), ES Calma Designs and Eastern Telecoms (Day 2), and GN Solutions (Championship). Trophies were donated by Outsource Options, Inc. The championship round will be held on August 22 at 2:00 PM.

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CCAP Chairman, Bong Borja, officially opening the 1st CCAP Bowling Cup on August 1, 2003. The tournament is sponsored by Avaya, ES Calma Designs, Eastern Telecoms, and GN Solutions. Trophies were donated by Outsource Options, Inc.

CCAP meets with recruitment firms

CCAP recently hosted a meeting with recruitment companies, better known in business terms as head hunters, to discuss ways to improve the current situation of manpower recruitment within the industry. Human Resource professionals from several CCAP member companies were present as well as key personnel from four established search firms.

Discussions revolved around the issues of talent recycling and cannibalization. As defined in the recruitment field, talent recycling is when a search firm, after placing a talent in one company, attempts to place the same talent in another new client company. Talent cannibalization, on the other hand, is when the search for employees is concentrated within the same industry alone, and oftentimes, within a select few reputable companies. Apparently, call centers are slowly feeling the effects of talent recycling and cannibalization due to the breakneck speed at which they are growing.

Bong Borja, CCAP Chairman, presided over the meeting and opened the table for a free exchange of ideas on how to avoid the prevalence of such phenomena within the call center industry. Borja emphasized the importance of developing talent, not only from within the industry, but from other industries to ensure the supply of manpower for the expected expansion of call centers in the country.

Participants from the side of recruitment partners openly shared their views and generously gave suggestions for improvement. A consensus was reached to enumerate possible action steps which can be developed into a set of guidelines that should be followed by both call center and search firm in future dealings.

On top of the list was a commitment from both sides not to directly recruit from other call centers. This was prioritized because of past experiences with personnel being called or solicited while within their places of work. Considering talent from outside the call center space whenever hiring was second on the list as a step to counter talent cannibalization.

The action steps discussed in the meeting are currently being reviewed by CCAP members and participating recruitment partners. Once a final agreement on the commitments is reached, CCAP will prepare a position statement and a set of guidelines for existing call centers to follow. The Board of Investments will also be given the same to be presented to new call centers setting up shop in the country.

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Pilipinas Teleserv, Inc. is one of several technology-based companies that services government agencies namely the National Statistics Office (NSO) and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). The company is definitely instrumental in the improvement of document handling of the two agencies according to its Director for Marketing and Quality Assurance Raffy David.

In a recent press statement, David mentions that his company's experience with private or corporate accounts should be duplicated and even improved in the public government accounts that they currently handle. He believes in bridging the gap in the quality of service between private enterprises and government.

The citizen-customer is his favorite byline citing that every Filipino deserves the best that their taxpayer's money can afford. He further mentions that since there is an additional premium for requesting birth, marriage, no-marriage and death certificates. Teleserv feels greatly responsible for a very satisfactory delivery of these legal documents to every Juan and Maria De La Cruz who makes use of the NSO Helpline Plus. The same goes for the Passport renewal services of the DFA.

The NSO bagged 2002 e-Filing Category and The Excellence Award while the DFA was given a Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Governance with the Use of Information Technology last November 20, 2002.

Five days following the two NSO awards, NSO Helpline reached its one millionth customer marker with another successful delivery of documents to Ms. Noela Salas of Ormoc City, Leyte.

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Billboards for the two government agencies' services are visibly seen along major highways in Metropolitan Manila with a famous television and film personality as the endorser for the DFA.

NSO Administrator Carmelita Ericta mentioned in a recent press conference that Filipinos get the best value for these services. This is based on her own agency's experience with huge volumes of transactions or requests in a single day, six thousand of which is coursed through the telephone and on-line facility.
Under Republic Act 8792 or the Electronic Commerce Act of 2000, all government agencies are mandated to be able to conduct electronic transactions two years after the law was passed. Most government agencies were not able to comply with this law
Instead of penalties however non-compliant agenci[illegible] were given encouragements to join in the fray. The Philippine Internet Commerce Society started the [illegible] Government Awards to boost the development of the sector

8-McDo Metro Manila Coverage

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Pilipinas Teleserv, Inc in tandem with the popular Chinese food chain Superbowl of China, started food delivery operations again, for residents of Metro Mani[illegible] Initially available in selected areas within the delivery radius of the Makati, Megamall, and Filinvest Festival Mall Alabang restaurants, by dialing 737-8888, the delicious Superbowl of China menu such as Roast Suckling Pig, Yang Chow Fried Rice, Roast Barbecue Platter, to name a few can now be delivered between the hours of 10:00 am to 10:00 pm all days of the week
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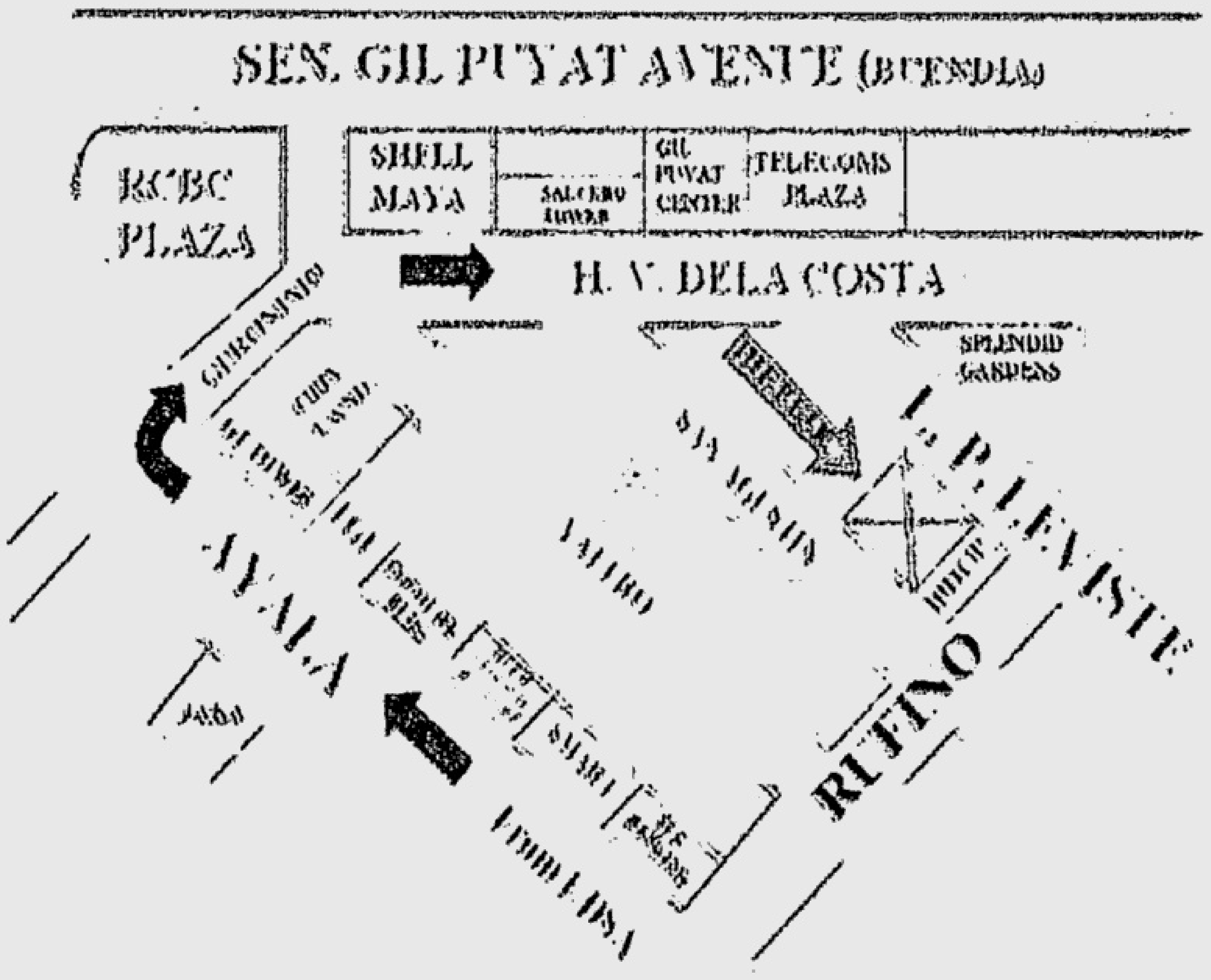
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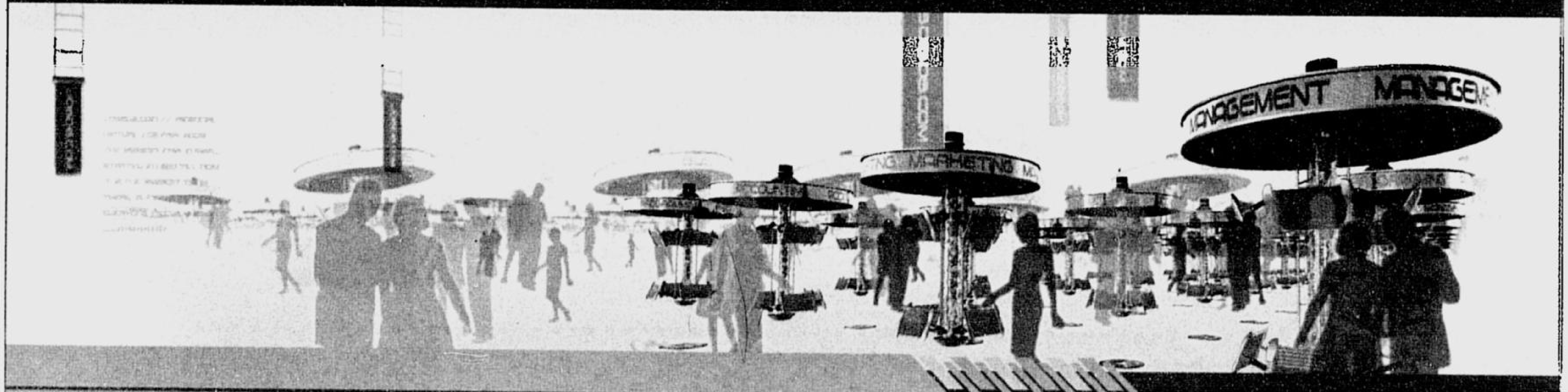

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Founded by Lance Rosenzweig and his team in Los Angeles in 1998, PeopleSupport was built on his vision for the next generation of customer care. It's a dynamic and professional customer service provider headquartered in the U.S., with centers in the Philippines (*Makati, and soon in Cebu*). As a contact center, we provide customer care solutions for the customers of our U.S. clients via email, chat, phone, fax, and web collaboration.

PeopleSupport serves leading Fortune 500 and mid-market companies in the following industries:

Travel & hospitality

Telecomm

Technology

Financial services

PeopleSupport (Philippines), Inc. started in March 2000, and is regarded as one of the leading contact centers in the country today with over 1,300 people in its workforce. Currently operating at the Philamlife Tower and Robinsons Summit Center in Makati, PeopleSupport is setting up operations and will be going live in Cebu in Q4 2003.

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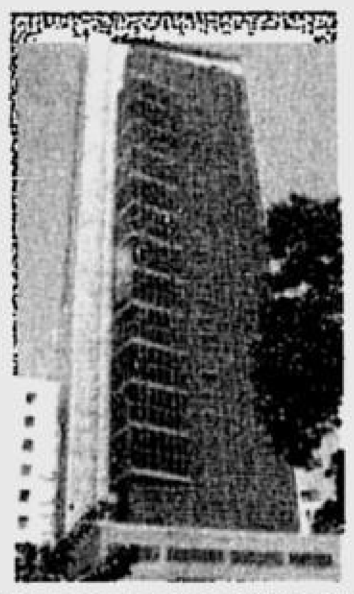

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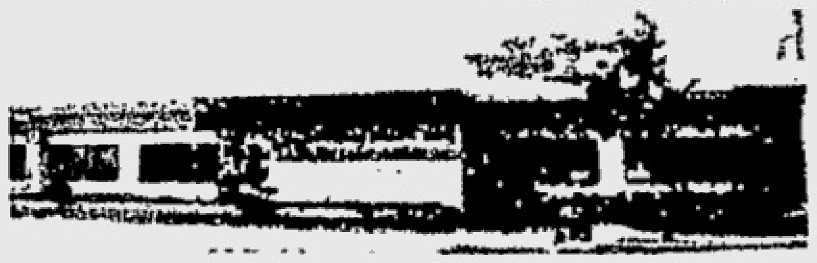
*PEOPLE***SUPPORT IS AN INDUSTRY MOVER**

We are part of the Contact Center Association of the Philippines (CCAP) and a founding member of the Contact Federation Philippines (CFP). In fact, the current Chairman for both organizations is none other than the President of PeopleSupport (Philippines), Inc. - Bong Borja. These organizations give our company, as well as the entire contact center industry, one voice and one stand in ensuring that the Philippines becomes the outsourcing hub of the world. At present the whole contact center industry has provided jobs for thousands of Filipinos and we are not stopping there.



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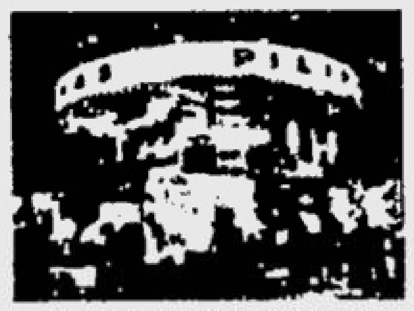

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Our greatest asset is our people. Our *eReps*™ are the brightest, most talented bunch of people you'll ever come across. They love talking on the phone, chatting online and giving advice about travel arrangements, providing technical assistance, and focusing on customer retention, among other things.

"...At the end of each call, I feel that the sense of satisfaction not only comes from the customers' end, but ours (eReps™) as well."

- Maria Estela Torres, as an eRep™. She is currently a Team Supervisor

" The interaction here is just without barriers, without walls. Everyone has great mutual respect for each other. Its just a fun place to work."

- Christina Gotto, eRep™

"At PeopleSupport, leadership skills for Supervisors are enhanced through constant training and various opportunities to shine. Team Supervisors ensure that eReps are set up for success by helping them be as highly-skilled as they can be through mentoring and feedback. Playing a vital role in an eRep's personal development is a very rewarding process."

— Nelissa Lizares, Team Supervisor

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Friendly and open people
International exposure and environment

We LISTEN to our employees

We roll out regular employee surveys
We hold company meetings every quarter
We've got an active suggestion box program
We don't just say we have an open-door policy, we DO have an open-door policy!

We HAVE FUN together!

- Activities include Sports Tournaments, Summer Outing, Free Food Days, Free Massage Week, Halloween Contests, Thanksgiving Party and Christmas Celebration *Note: The funny thing about this industry is that whenever we have parties or get-togethers, we have them in shifts(!)*

We VALUE professional development

We provide everyone with opportunities to develop communication, interpersonal, problem-solving and computer skills as well as enhance self-confidence and patience
We believe in continuous education, and we're willing to go the extra mile to assist in the development of our employees – the future leaders of our company
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We like promoting from within!

"PeopleSupport has grown to be a large, vibrant contact center over the past three years, but we have worked to maintain the original small - business or entrepreneurial feel that stimulates creativity, team work, and recognition."

- Christine Donovan, PSU Director

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2 Eat 3 meals a day for morale
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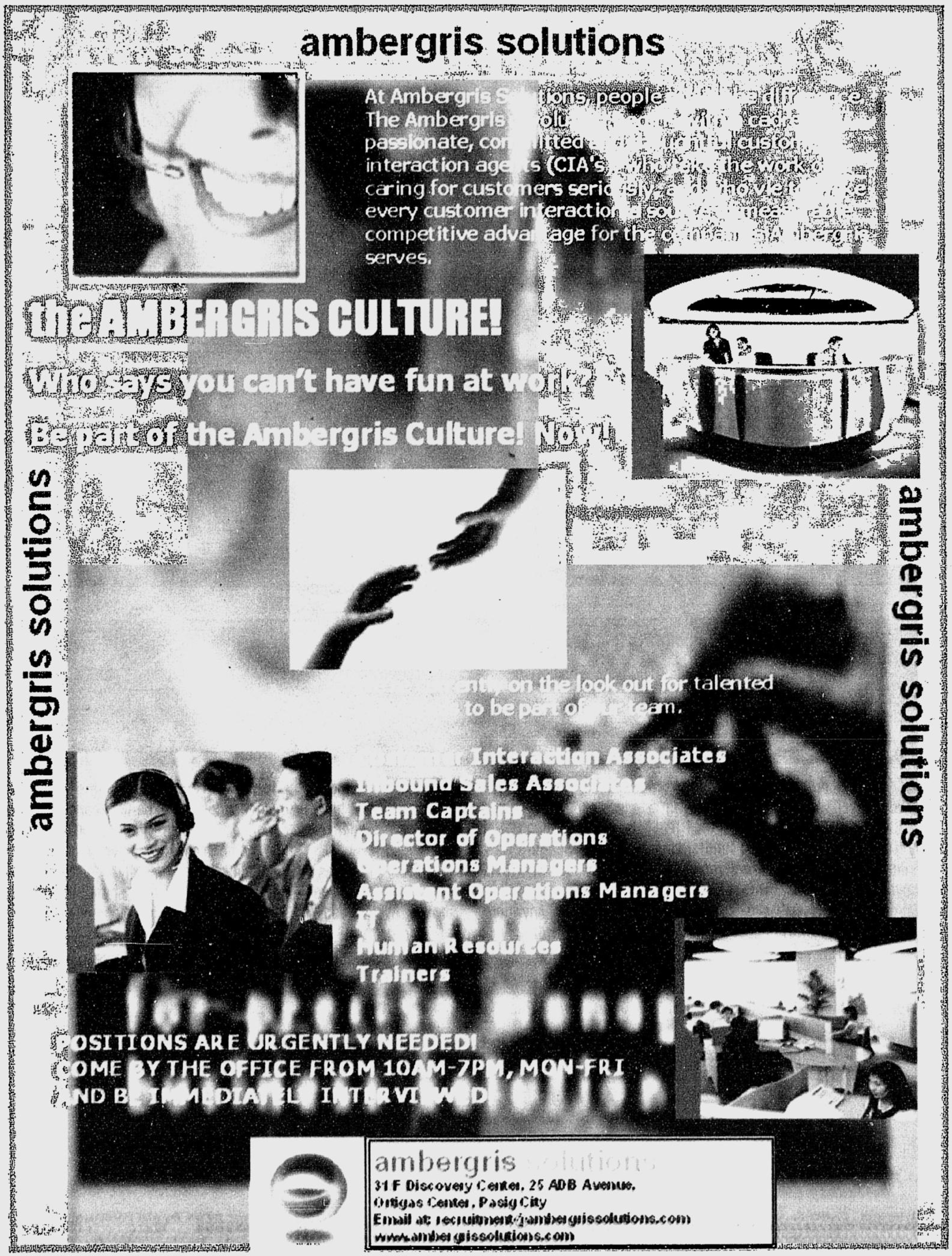

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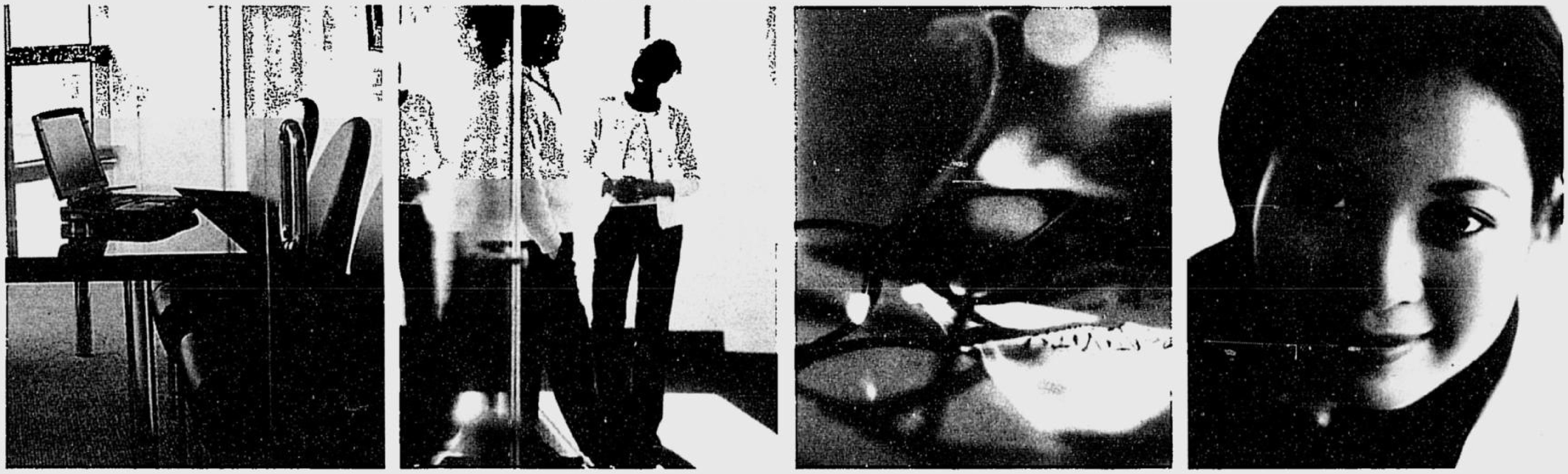

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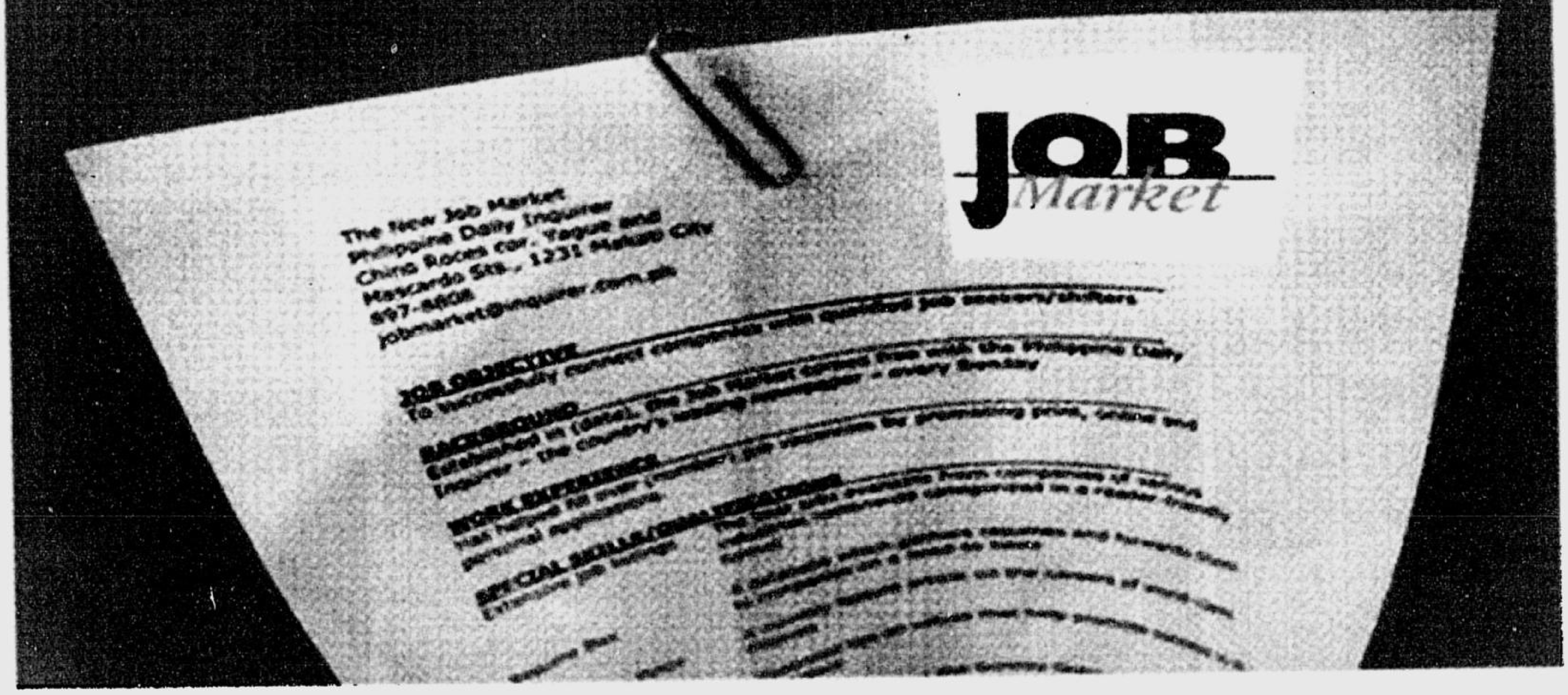
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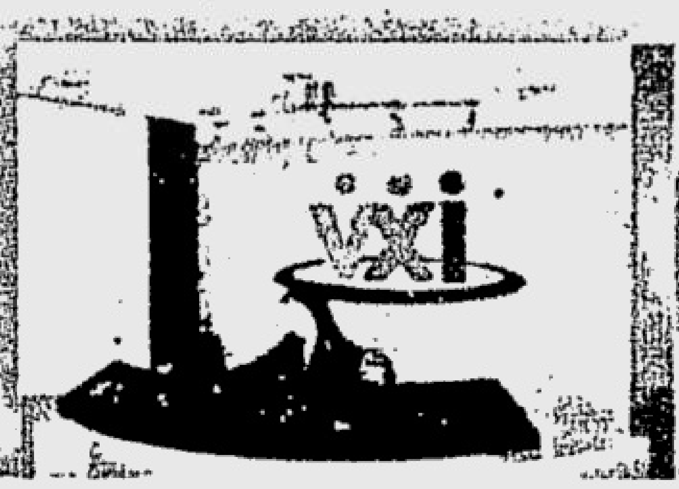

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